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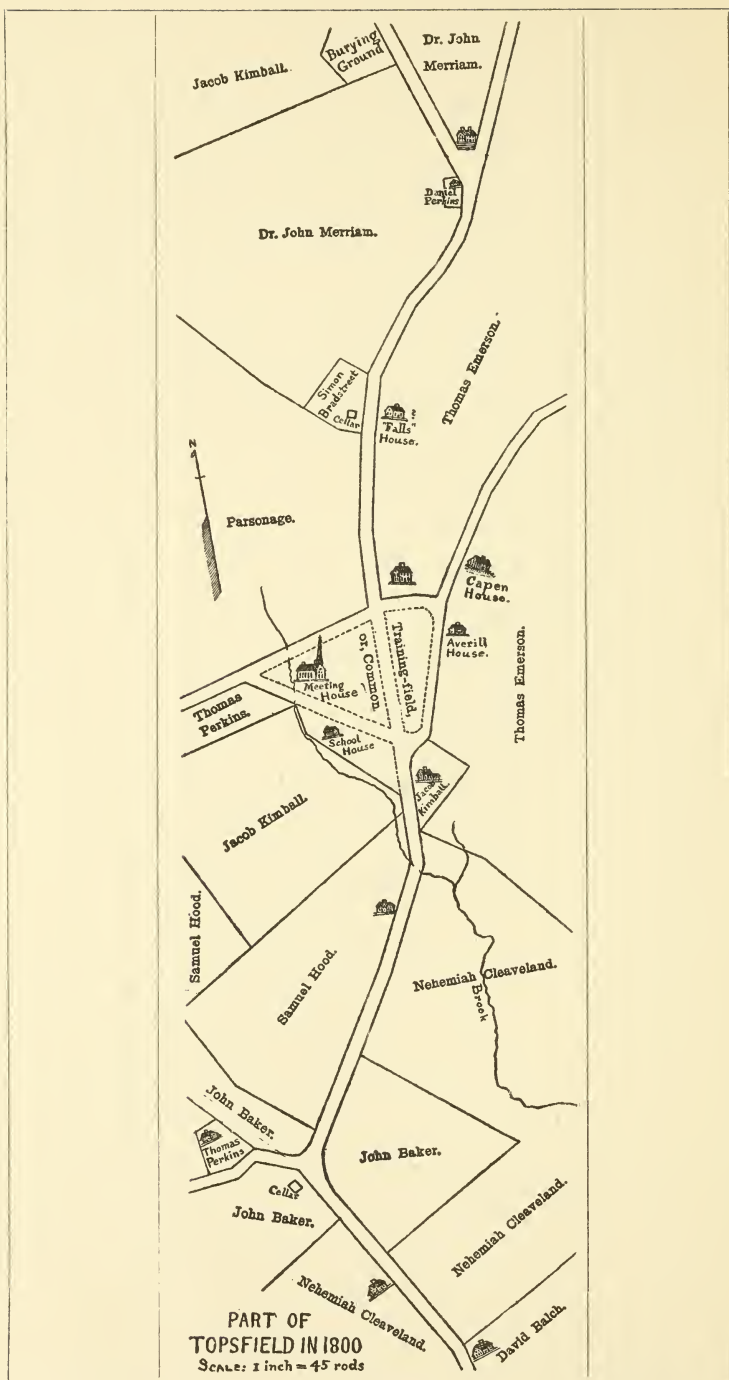
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PINE GROVE CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS.

1717—1849.

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The burying-ground on Haverhill street, now known as "Pine Grove Cemetery," is the oldest burying-ground in Topsfield. The church was located here as early as 1663 and interments were probably made about the same time and perhaps earlier. Here lie buried Rev. Joseph Capen, Rev. John Emerson and Rev. Asahel Huntington, early ministers of the church in Topsfield; Thomas Perkins, the eminent Salem merchant; Jacob Kimball, the musical composer; the ancestors of Joseph Smith, the Mormon and many soldiers of the Revolution. The oldest stone having an inscription that can be deciphered, is one erected to the memory of Sergeant Ebenezer Averill, who died Dec. 22, 1717.

The cemetery has been enlarged at three different times. It takes its name from a fine grove of pine trees which crowns the elevated ground in the western part of the cemetery.

Mary Ann | wife of Benj. P. Adams, | born May 16, 1813,
| died May 13, 1840. [On monument.]

Mrs. Dorothy Andrews | Relict of | Mr. Joseph Andrews.
| died Feb. 15, 1813, | Æt. 77.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground,
Till the last trumpets joyful sound,
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,
And in my Saviour's image rise.

In Memory of | Miss Hepzibah | Andrews, | who died |
Oct. 14, 1838, | Aged 78.

In Memory of | M^r Joseph Andrews | who Departed this
life | Oct^r the 16, 1785 ; | in the 68th Year | of his age.

Death is the Lot the Tomb the Place,
For all the Sons of Adams Race.

Here Lies Buried | the body of | M^{rs} Dorothy | Averill
wife | of M^r Nathani^l | Averill^{iur} who | Died | May the 6
1767 | in the 18 year | of her age.

Here Lyes y^e Body | of Sert. Ebenezer | Auerill who | De-
parted this life | December ^e 22 | 1717. Aged 48 | years &
two | months & 4 days.

In Memory of | Mr. Elijah Averell | Son of Lieut. Isaac
Averell | & Mrs. Priscilla his wife | who died | Aug. 4, A. D.
1813. | Æt. 51.

Man dieth and wasteth away;
Yea, man giveth up the ghost,
And where is he.

In Memory of | M^{rs} Hannah Averell | the Widow of |
Cap^t Nathaniel Averell | who Departed this life | June 5th
1785, in ^e 76th | Year of her age.

This monument perpet- | uates the memory of | M^r Isaac
Averell, Jr. A. M. | Son of Lieu^t Isaac & Mrs. | Priscilla
Averell. He was | under a call to settle in the | Christian
ministry in the | South parish in Brookfield. | He died Sept.
20th A. D. 1800. | Æt. 34.

Depart my friends dry up your tears,
Here I must lie till Christ Appears.
Death is a debt that's nature's due,
I've paid the debt & so must you.

In Memory of | Liu^t Luke Averell | Who Departed | This
Life April | The 16^h 1776, | In The 77^h | Year of | His Age.

Sarah, | Relict of | Moses Averell | Afterwards wife of |
Joseph Sawyer | Died May 31, 1841, | Æt. 69.

Affectionately | Inscribed to the memory | of Mrs. Mary
Averell con- | sort of Mr. Elijah Averell, | & Daug^t of Maj.
Joseph Gould | & Mrs. Elisabeth his wife, | who died Sep-
tember 7th | A. D. 1797. Æt. 37.

Ah hapless Mother scarce had thy fond arms
Clasp'd the sweet Babe to thy maternal breast,
Ere deaths sad harbinger spread wide alarms
And called thee smiling to thy peaceful rest.

The Memory of the Just
is Blessed.

In Memory of | Mr. Moses Averill | Son of Lieu. Isaac
and | Mrs. Priscilla Averill | who departed this life | Aug^t
1st 1898, Æt. 28.

For since by man came death,
by man came also the resurrection
of the dead.

My flesh shall dwell in silent rest
And join with its primeval dust,
Till Christ descending from the skies
Shall bid my slumbering dust arise.

Moses Averell | Died | June 3, 1848; | Aged 38 years and
| 8 months.

In Memory of | Cap^t Nathaniel Averell, | who Departed
this | Life Aug^t the 17th | 1781 | in the 81st Year | of his age.

Sarah Averell | wife of | Azariah Averell, | Died Sept. 6,
1842; | Aged 62.

Ebenezer Baker | Son of Cap^t John | & M^{rs} Mary Baker
| who De^parted this | Life April 24, 1776. | in the 6th Year
| of his age.

John | Son of Mr. Thomas | & Mrs. Hannah Baker, | died
Nov. 1, 1814. | Æt 14.

Behold and see as you pass by,
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now so you must be,
Prepare for death & follow me.

In | Memory of | Major John Baker | who died | Nov. 11,
1815, | aged 83. [Revolutionary Soldier.]

In memory of | M^{rs} Mary | Consort of | Major John Baker,
| who died | Dec. 16, 1816, | aged 81.

In Memory of | M^{rs} Sarah Baker | the Widow of | Cap^t
Thomas Baker | who Departed this | Life June 1780; | in
the 68th Year of her age.

The Sweet Memory of Ye Just Shall
Flourish while they Sleep in Dust.

Here Lyes Buried Y^e | Body of Cap^t Thomas | Baker who
Died | March y^e 18th 1717-18 | Aged 81; Years & | 6
Months | & 5 Days.

In Memory of | Cap^t Thomas Baker, | who Departed this
life | Aug^t the 16th, 1777, | in the 67th Year | of his age.

The Sweet Memory of the Just
Shall Flourish When they Sleep in Dust.

Erected | In Memory of | M^{rs} Bettsey Balch | the wife of
M^r | David Balch y^e 3^d | who died October | the 14th, 1784,
in | the 22^d year | of her age.

M^r | Cornelius | Balch | 1749.

Here Lyeth the Body | of M^r Cornelius Balch | Who Died
December y^e | 20th 1749 In the 31st | year of his Age.

In Memory of | M^r David Balch | who Departed this | life
April 17th 1787, | in the 73^d year | of his age.

Blessed are the Dead that Die in y^e Lord.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

This monument as a | mark of filial respect is | raised to
the remembrance | of David Balch, who | bid adieu to the
delusive | and transitory scenes of | this world the 22 of |
July 1812, Æt. 59.

Whose last dying words were
To the war.

*Non ille pro caris amicis¹
Ant patria timidus perire*

Sweet Jesus was resigned to the
Fathers will,
Indeed so was he who lies here still.

Mrs. | Dolly | Consort of | Mr. Thomas Balch, | died June
22, 1819. | Æt. 51.

Now let our drooping hearts revive,
And all our tears be dry;
Why should those eyes be drown'd in grief
Which view a Saviour nigh.

Elisabeth Dau^r of | M^r Cornelius & | Martha Balch |
Died Septem^r y^e 6th | 1749 in her 3^d | year.

¹ David Balch committed suicide. The Latin inscription aims to convey the idea that he was not afraid to die, either for his dear friends or his country.

In Memory of | the widow | Hannah Balch | who died |
Sept. 14, 1807, | in the 82 year of | her age.

Weep not my friends, dry up your tears
I must lie here till Christ appears.

Humphrey P. | Son of Humphrey & | Hannah P. Balch.
| Born May 28, 1844 | Died May 23, 1847.

[On monument.]

Joseph Son to | Cornelius & | Martha Balch | Died Jan'y
| the 25 17[50] | in his [6]th | year.

Joshua Balch | Died | Nov. 11, 1839, | Æt. 70.

Sarah | wife of David | Balch, | died Mar. 2. | 1845. | Æt.
75ys. & 9 mos.

In | Memory of | Mr. Thomas | Balch, | who died | March
10, 1830, | Æt. 69.

He was greatly beloved in life,
And deeply lamented in death,
A tender husband and a father kind,
A peaceful citizen and faithful friend,
To every christian charity inclined,
Religious worship constant to attend.

Caroline | Elisabeth | daughter of | Joseph W. and | Nan-
cy F. Batchelder | died | July 25, 1832. | Æt. 1 yr. & 6 mo.

Mr. | John Batchelder, | died | Jan. 10, 1819. | Æt. 75.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

In Memory of | Mr. | John Batchelder | who died | Sept.
20, 1845, | Aged 77 Yrs. | and 8 Mos.

In Memory of | Mrs. Lydia Batchelder | Consort of | Mr.
John Batchelder | who died | March 2, A. D. 1812. | Æt. 75.

Mrs. Phebe | wife of Mr. | John Batchelder | who died |
Sept. 26, 1839 | Aged 67 Yrs.

Mrs. Sarah | Consort of Capt. | Joseph Batchelder | Died
| Sept. 24. 1842, | Aged 70 Yrs. | 10 Mos. & 10 days.

Two children of Joseph | & Sarah Beckford. | Dolly died
March 7, | 1842, Æt. 3. | Joseph died May 7. | aged 15
days.

Rest sweet babes in gentle slumbers.
Till the resurrection morn.
Then arise & join the numbers
That its triumphs shall adorn.

In Memory of | Benjamin Bixby son | of M^r Benjamin &
| M^{rs} Peggy Bixby, | who died June 3^d, 1795, | Ætat. 17.

Charles H. | Son of | Daniel & Caroline | Bixby, | Born
Feb. 2, 1840, | Died Aug. 23, 1846.

Here Lyes the Body | of Daniel Bixby | who Died, Sep-
tember 22^d | 1775 Aged 56 Years | & 7 months.

Why do we mourn Departing Friends
or shake at Deaths alarms
tis but the Voice that Jesus Sends
To call them to his arms.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Deacon | Daniel Bixby | died | Jan. 5, 1825. | Æt. 74.

Reader prepare, remember death is near;
My time is past, Eternity is here.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

To the memory of | Cap^t Daniel | Bixby, died | June 24,
1836, | Æt. 55.

When the dread summons calls, we must obey;
And break all earthly ties, to sleep with clay;
How sad would be our lot, how drear the grave,
But for that blessed hope our Saviour gave.

Daniel A. | Son of | Daniel & Caroline | Bixby, | Born
May 30, 1843, | Died Aug. 29, 1846.

Here Lyes the Body | of M^{rs} Elisabeth Bixby, | Daughter
of M^r Daniel | & M^{rs} Ruth Bixby, who | Died Septem^r 18th
1776 | Aged 33 years.

The Dead are Only Blest
That in the Lord do Rest.

John Q. Bixby | died | Sept. 21, 1846, | Æt. 17 yrs.

To the memory of | Lucinda | Daughter of | Daniel &
Sally | Bixby, died | June 13, 1820. | Æt. 6 years.

In Memory of | Mrs. Ruth Bixby | Relict of Mr. Daniel
Bixby, | who died Sept. 14, 1808. | Æt. 90.

Why should we tremble to convey
 Their bodies to the tomb,
 There the dear flesh of Jesus lay
 And left a long perfume.
 The Graves of all his Saints he Blest
 And soften'd every bed,
 Where should the dying members rest
 But with the dying head.

In memory of | Mrs. Ruth | wife of | Dea. Daniel Bixby,
 | who died | June 3, 1834; | Æt. 83.

Mrs. Sarah | wife of | Daniel Bixby | Died | Sept. 8, 1846,
 | Æt. 58 yrs.

Her gentle Spirit calm and clear
 With fortitude possessing;
 Made her a mother kind and dear,
 And to her friends a blessing.

William H. Bixby | died | Sept. 15, 1846, | Æt. 20 y'rs.

In Memory of | Cap^t John Bordman | who Departed this
 | Life April the 7th | 1780: | In the 64 Year | of his age.

In Memory of | Mr. Dudley Bradstreet | who | died |
 Sept. 25, 1832, | aged 36 years.

Though your Brother is dead he
 yet speaketh unto you be ye also ready.

In Memory of | Capt. Dudley Bradstreet | who died |
 April 23, 1833, | aged 67 years.

An honest man's the noblest work of God,
 His body lays buried beneath this sod.
 Well done good and faithful servant
 enter into thy rest.

In memory of | Mrs. Elisabeth Bradstreet, | wife of | Mr.
 John Bradstreet, | who departed this life | Nov. 13th 1801, |
 in the 84 year of her age.

the memory of the just
 is Bless'd.

Elizabeth D. | daughter of | Capt. John & | Priscilla Brad-
 street | died | Feb. 22, 1835, | Æt. 11.

In Memory | of Henry Bradstreet | Son of M^r Henry & |
 M^{rs} Abigail Bradstreet | Died March 24, 1774, | in the 4
 year | of his age.

Blessed are the Dead
that Die in the Lord.

In memory of | Mr. John Bradstreet | Who departed this
life | Nov. 22, 1807: | Æt. 90.

Inscribed in mem | ory of Mr. Moses | Bradstreet, who |
died Oct. 29, A. D. 1801, | Æt. 28. In memory of | Cynthia
Bradstreet | who died Oct. 13, | A. D. 1801. Æt. 2.

"He di'd in Jesus and is blest;
How kind his slumbers are;
From suff'rings and from sins releas'd
And freed from ev'ry snare."

Moses | son of | Mr. William & Mrs. | Fannie Bradstreet
| died | Aug. 25, 1830, | Æt. 3 ys. 4 ms. | & 15 dys.

Moses | Cornelius | son of | Cornelius B. and | Eunice
Bradstreet | died | Sept. 5, 1832 | Æt 2 ys. 4 ms. | & 17
days.

Mr. | Nath. Bradstreet | son of Mr. Samuel & | Mrs. Matta
Bradstreet, | died Nov. 3, 1820, | Æt. 25.

His affectionate disposition, engaging
manners, & agreeable deportment
gained the love & esteem of all who knew
him. And we hope by the grace of
God he has made a happy
entrance on a blessed
immortality.

In Memory of | Mrs. Polly Bradstreet, | Consort of | Capt.
Dudley Bradstreet. | Who departed this life March 9, | 1815;
Æt. 44.

Oh sad the thought that mould so fine and sweet
Should serve the reptile worm for meat.
But faith in God forbids distrust,
For he will raise the sleeping dust
New cloath'd afresh without decay
To reign with Christ in endless day.

Col. Porter Bradstreet | Born Dec 1, 1789, | Died June 25,
1849.

"Blessed are they that mourn for they
shall be comforted."

This monument is | erected to perpetuate | the memory
of | Mrs. Ruth Bradstreet. | Relict of Mr. Samuel | Brad-
street who died | July 25th 1777 | Æt. 44.

"Death is a debt that's nature's due
I've paid the debt & so must you."

Miss | Ruth | daughter of Mr. Samuel & | Mrs. Matta
Bradstreet, | died April 9, 1817 | Æt. 25.

Though thy presence so endearing,
We thy absence now deplore;
At the Saviour's bright appearing,
We may meet to part no more.

This monument is | Erected to perpetuate | the memory
of | Mr. Samuel Bradstreet, | who died | July 7th 1777. | Æt.
49.

My weeping friends, dry up your tears
I must lie here till Christ appears.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Oliver Buttman | (Son of Mr. John & Mrs. Hannah | Butt-
man,) who died June 16th | 1793, | in the 17th Year | of his
Age.

Death thou hast conquer'd me,
I by thy dart am slain
But Christ has conquer'd thee
And I shall rise again.

¹Here Lyes Buried | the Body of the | Reuerend Mr.
Joseph | Capen a Faithfull Min | ister of Christ who | Lived
an Ordained | Pastor of ^e/_y Church | in Topsfield 42 years |
& Departed this Life ^e/_y | Last Day of June, 1725 | Aged 66
years.

Dear Mr Capen, that reuered man
Who did the faith of Christ maintain
A learned man & Godly too
None will denie this who him
knew.

Here Lies buried the | Body of Ma^d Priscila y^e | wife of
y^e Rev^t Joseph | Capen who died Oct^r | 12th 1743, in the 86th
| year of her age.

Martha L. | daughter of | Paul & Cynthia | Chaplin | Died
| Dec. 11, 1839. | Æt. 1 year.

Nehemiah | Cleaveland, | Born Aug. 26, 1760, | Died Feb.
26, 1837. | Experience | Cleaveland, | Born Dec. 26, 1764 |
Died Jan. 21, 1845.

¹ This stone is said to be upon the exact spot where the pulpit in the church formerly stood, and from which "Parson Capen" expounded the Word.

Thanks be to God who
giveth us the victory
through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

[On monument.]

Nehemiah | A child of 3 years. | Experience | & Ebenezer
| Infant children. | Ellen Maria, | Aged 9 months & Lucy
Cleaveland | Died June 19, 1846 | Aged 13 years, | Daughters
of | W. N. & H. Cleaveland. | Lucy | daughter of | Nehemi-
ah Cleaveland, | Born March 12, 1800, | Died Dec. 5, 1838.

[On monument.]

Mercea Clinton | Daughter of | David & Mary P. | Clarke,
| Died Mar. 17, 1847, | Æt. 3 yrs. 7 mos. | & 9 days.

She hath left a world which grief invades,
Where every form of beauty fades,
She hath gone where ties are never riven,
Her home is on the shores of Heaven.

Mr. | Aaron Conant, | was born | in Ipswich Nov. 25,
1752, | and died | Jan. 14, 1816.

It must be so—Our father Adam's fall,
And disobedience brought this lot on all,
All die in him—But hopeless should we be,
Blest Revelation were it not for thee.
Hail glorious Gospel heavenly light whereby
We live with comfort and with comfort die,
And view beyond this gloomy scene, the tomb,
A life of endless happiness to come.

In memory of | Abraham K. Conant | their son [Nath'l
& Elizabeth K. Conant.] | who died at | Elmina Africa |
June 7, 1844 | aged 23 yrs. 5 mos. [On monument.]

Mrs. | Ann Maria | Wife of | John Conant, | Died | Oct.
9, 1844, | Aged 43.

Sacred | To the Memory of | Mr. Bartholomew Conant |
who died | Sept. 17, 1839: | Aged 66.

"Blessed are the dead
who die in the Lord."

Mrs. | Eunice | relict of | Mr. Aaron Conant, | died Jan.
19, 1823, | Æt. 68.

My weeping friends dry up your tears
I must lie here till Christ appears.

In | Memory of | Mr. Joshua Conant | Son of Mr. Lot and
| Mrs. Eunice Conant, | who departed this life | July 12th
1795, | in the 16th year of | his age.

Erected | In Memory of | Mrs. Anna Cummings | Relict
of the late | Rev. Joseph Cummings. | After a life embittered
by | many distressing vicissitudes | she died July 23^d 1792,
Æt. 39.¹

No more unhappy now; in calm repose
She sleeps unmindful of her toils & woes,
Death (friend of the distress'd) hath sealed her eyes
Till the last trumpet calls her to the skies.

Mr. | Cyrus Cummings | died April 26, 1827. | Æt. 45.

In memory of | Mr. Samuel Cummings | Son of the Rev.
Joseph | and Mrs. Anna Cum- | mings who departed | this
Life June 22, 1802 | in the 18th year of | his age.

In Memory of | Mrs. Mehitable Dexter | who died | Sept.
1, 1801, | Aged 80 years.

Grim Death has turned me into dust;
But, I shall rise from it, I trust;
And, after sleeping Time away
Wake to enjoy an endless day.

Erected | In Memory of Doct. | Richard Dexter; who
after | a course of endearing service^s | of painful sufferings-
support | ed by the hope which | christianity inspires;
cheerfully | departed this Life. Nov. 25th | 1783. Æt. 71.

Since Death's our certain lot, be life improved
In deeds of goodness; and the full pursuit
Of that which will not fail; a part in Christ,
The hope and earnest of eternal bliss.

Mr. | Daniel Dodge | died March 13, 1807. | Æt. 56.

In Memory of | M^{rs} Hannah Dodge | wife of | Deacⁿ Solo-
mon Dodge, | who departed this life | Oct^r 7th 1788. In the
| 75th year of her age.

Happy exchange to part with all below
For worlds of bliss where joys unceasing
flow.

Mr. Jonathan Dodge, | Died Oct. 20, 1827, | Aged 57
years.

¹ See Topsfield Historical Collections, Vol. V, p. 25.

Deacon | Solomon Dodge | died Jan. 16, 1812. | *Æt.* 91.
[Revolutionary Soldier.]

In Memory of | Mr Nathaniel Dorman | who departed this
| life Oct^r the 13th 1776; | in the 36th year | of his age.

Naked as from the Earth we came
And Crept to life at first,
We to the Earth Return again
And Mingle with our Dust.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Esther Dwinell | wife of | John Dwinell, | Died October
31, | 1847. | *Æt.* 101 yrs. & 8 mos.

"For all flesh is grass, and all the
glory of man as the flower of the grass;
The grass withereth and the flower thereof
falleth away."

In Memory of | Mr Jacob Dwinell | who Departed this |
Life Sep^r ^e 16th | 1784 | in the 70th year | of his age

Mr. | John Dwinell, | died July 17, 1818. | *Æt.* 71.

The time draws nigh, when from the clouds
Christ shall with shouts descend;
And the last trumpets awful voice
The heavens and earth shall rend.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Mrs. | Kezia Dwinell | Relict of | Mr. Jacob Dwinell, |
died Dec. 29, 1798. | *Æt.* 80.

Mrs. | Sally Dwinell | Consort of | Mr. John Dwinell Jun^r
| and daughter of Mr. David | Perkins, died Nov. 28, | 1813.
Æt. 25, a few | hours after the birth | of a still born Infant.

Caroline A. | wife of | Thomas Emerson | and daughter of
| S. & M. Bradstreet, | born May 13, 1811, | died April 30,
1831.

Rest! daughter till thy Savior calls.

Erected in Memory of | Mr^s Elisabeth Emerson. | Relict
of the late Rev^d | John Emerson | who died April 1st 1790 |
In the 82^d year of her | Age.

With pleasure she resigned her mortal breath,
And fell a willing sacrifice to death.
O welcome stroke that gave her liberty,
Welcome as to the slave a jubilee.

Harriet Josephine Emerson | wife of | Charles H. Holmes,
| 1813-1849. [On monument.]

Under neath are Interred | the Remains of the Rev. | Mr
John Emerson | late Pastor of the | Church of Christ in |
Topsfield; who Departed | this life July $\frac{6}{y}$ 11^h 1774. | aged 67
years 4 mon 14 ds | Having Served God | Faithfully in the
| Gospel of His Son | upwards of 45 years.

The sweet remembrance
of the Just shall
flourish when he
sleeps in dust.

In this cemetery | are interred the remains of the | Rev.
John Emerson | Late pastor of the church of Christ | In
Topsfield who departed this life | July 11, 1774, aged 67 y'rs
4 mo's | and 14 days. | Having served God faithfully in the
| gospel of his son upwards of | 45 years.

The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust.

Elizabeth Pratt Emerson, | died April 1, 1790 | in the 82
year of her age. [Emerson monument.]

Sacred | To the memory of | Mr Joseph Emerson | Ob^t
May 28, 1826. | Aet. 50.

In memory of | Mrs. Lydia Emerson, | Relict of | Mr.
Thomas Emerson | who died | Feb. 5, 1825; | aged 84
years.

In memory of | Mr. Thomas Emerson | who died | May
9, 1813; | aged 78 years.

Lieutenant Thomas Emerson, | Born Jan. 8, 1735 | Died
May 9, 1813. | Lydia Porter Emerson, | Died Feb. 5, 1825,
| aged 84. | Billy Emerson | Born Aug. 1 1765 | Died Oct.
29, 1835. | Ruth Bradstreet Emerson, | Born Mar. 8, 1766 |
Died Oct. 22, 1842. [On monument.]

In Memory of | Mrs. Lydia Fisk, | wife of | Mr. Nathaniel
Fisk, | who died April 25, 1809, | in the 65 year of her age.

The Saints though buried in the dust
Shall rise again among the Just.
Surviving friends who drop a tear,
Remember your own death is near.

Mr. | Nathaniel Fisk, | died April 9, 1815, | Æt. 73.

Free'd from disease, no more I sigh,
My spirit dwells with God on high.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

This monument is erected | to perpetuate the memory |
of Mr. Nathaniel Foster | who died Aug. 23^d 1800, | in the
37 year of his age.

If prosperous day or smiling friends
Or vigorous health thy hope extend
Then learn of me a solemn truth
These all were mine in chearful youth
But oh from death they could not save
And all are useless in the grave
A holy life gives bliss divine
Fear God and endless joys are thine.

Ruth Eliza Bradstreet | Daughter of | John & Ruth B.
Foster | of Salem, | Born Oct. 15, 1823; | Died Dec. 18,
1824.

Mrs. | Lucy Friend | died | Sept. 21, 1819, | Æt. 46.

Ann Gallup | Died | June 17, 1848, | Æt. 40 yrs.

[On monument.]

Andrew David | Son of Mr. Andrew | & Mrs. Mary P.
Gould, | died | Jan. 27, 1830, | Æt. 16 days.

Happy infant early bless'd
Rest in peaceful slumber, rest;
Early rescu'd from the cares
Which increase with growing years.

Andrew Gould | Died | Jan. 24, 1844 | Aged 67.

Angelina H. | daugh^t of Joseph | & Ruth Gould, | died |
Feb. 11, 1832, | Æt. 13.

Mrs. | Anna | Consort of | Mr Zacheus Gould, | died
March 30, 1819, | Æt. 60.

Lord I commit my soul to thee,
Accept the sacred trust,
Receive this better part of me
And guard my sleeping dust.

Sacred | To the Memory of | Mrs. Elizabeth Gould |
widow of | Major Joseph Gould | who died | March 5, 1825,
| aged 94 years | & 6 months.

Blessed are the dead which die in the
Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit
that they may rest from their labours, and
their works do follow them.

Elizabeth, | Daughter of | Dea. John & Esther | Gould,
| Born May 6, 1756, | Died June 11, 1843.

Unto him that loved us and washed us,
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Erected in memory of | Mrs. Ester Gould, who | died
Dec^rm. 20th 1788; | Æt 72. | She was the widow of | Dea^o
John Gould, who | died at Watertown of | the small pox,
June 21, | 1778, | Æt. 69.

"Hence Christ arose ascended high,
And shew'd their feet the way
Up to the Lord their flesh shall fly
At the great rising day."

Miss | Eunice | daughter of | Mr. Zacheus & | Mrs. Anna
Gould, | died Dec. 1, 1821, | Æt. 20.

Here lies | buried the body of | Deacon | Daniel Gould |
who died Dec. 11, 1766 | in the 68 year | of his age.

(Just
The sweet remembrance of the
Shall flourish when they sleep
(in dust.

Humphrey | Son of Zacheus & | Anna Gould | died May
30, 1795 | aged 2 years 6 m^o.

Happy for thee so soon so well
To 'scape the woes which life annoy
To part with few sad tales to tell
With no sad grief to black thy joy.

Dea | John Gould | died | Jan. 11, 1820, | Æ. 70. | Ruth
| his wife | died Jan. 9, 1838, | Æ. 84.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Here Lies Buried | the Body of | Cap^t Joseph Gould |
who died April | the 4th A. D. | 1753 and in | the 76th year
| of his age.

This | Monument | perpetuates | the grateful remem-
brance of | M^jr Joseph Gould, | who was many years Deacon
| in the Church of Christ in this place, | who after a life of
exemplary piety | died June 9, 1803, | Æt. 77.

His soul dismiss'd from cumbrous clay,
Expediates in eternal day,
And with the great Jehovah dwells,
And wonders vast and new beholds.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Mr. | Joseph Gould | died | Jan. 29, 1834. | Æt. 60.

Lucy P. | died Sept. 27, 1834 | aged 17 mo's. | Horace
W. | died Sept. 17, 1848, | aged 2 mo's. | Children of | An-
drew & Mary P. | Gould.

Erected In Memory of | M^{rs} Mary Gould, wife of | Daniel
Gould, A.M., | who departed this | Life Oct^r. 1st, 1785; | in
the 35th Year | of her age.

I Yet do Speak, tho I am Dead,
A Sovereign God made this my Bed;
And what I have to Say to thee
Prepare for Death & follow me.

Molly Gould | Dau^r of M^r Danie^l | Gould, A.M. and | M^{rs}
Mary his Wife | who Died Dec^r 4th | 1785; | Aged 2 months
| And 6 days.

Here Lies Buried | the Body of | M^{rs} Priscilla | widow of
Cap^t | Joseph Gould | who died Apr. | the 11th 1753 in | the
66 year | of her age.

Erected in memory | of M^{rs} Rebekah Gould, wife | of M^r
Zaccheus Gould, who | departed this life May 30th | 1792,
in the 70th year of her age.

Hail happy Saint! now past the vale of death,
And in thy Sav'ours arms resign'd thy breath,
Now thou art free from sin, disease & pain,
Thy virtues rare; thy life without a stain;
The faithful wife; to children tender, kind;
To friendly acts of charity inclin'd;
A friend to all. Then rise to realms of light;
Enjoy thy labour, and be cloth'd in white.
Go & adore before Christs smiling face,
And sing the glories of redeeming grace.

Mrs. | Ruth | wife of | Mr. Joseph Gould | died | April
10, 1820 | Æt. 45.

Erected | In Memory of | Mr. Zacheus Gould who | de-
parted this Life Jan 2^d 1793 | in the 76th year of his age.

Alas! & is the grave our certain home?
 Yes, 'tis the house where all the living come.
 Death no distinction knows; the fool the wise,
 Alike in gloomy death must close their eyes.
 But the chill slumbers of the saints are sweet,
 For they shall rise to bliss & joy complete,
 On earth their virtues shine they gain the prize
 Sleep then dear saint till Christ shall bid you rise,
 And call you to the happy realms above;
 T' enjoy your labour & redeeming love.

Mr. | Zacheus Gould | died | Feb. 13, 1823. | Æt. 79.

Receive O grave, my feeble clay,
 Calmly in thy embrace to rest;
 Safe shall my spirit wing its way,
 To hail the mansions of the blest.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Mrs. Mary Hobbs | Consort of | Mr. Benjamin Hobbs, |
 died Sept. 27th 1804. | Æt. 53.

Mortals how few among your race,
 Have given this thought its weight,
 That on this flying moment hangs
 Your everlasting state.

In Memory of | Mrs. Sarah Hobbs, | wife of | David
 Hobbs, Jr. | Who died Oct. 3, 1824. | Æt. 47.

The tender wife and mother dear,
 The much beloved friend, lies here
 When Christ returns to call her forth
 The rising day will show her worth.

Erected in Memory of M^{rs} | Anne Hood, wife of M^r John
 Hood | Jun^r (& 3^d daug^r of M^r Jacob & M^{rs} | Priscilla Kim-
 ball,) who died Sep^t | 12th 1789. Aged 24. | Also Jacob
 Hood their son born March | 10th 1788 & died April 10th 1789.

Short was their separation: soon rejoined
 In the dark grave to native dust consigned,
 They sleep, till death his human prey restore,
 And earth & skies & time shall be no more.

Edward Harrison | Son of John G. & | Sarah B. Hood |
 Died | Oct. 14, 1836, | Aged 2 years.

Rest lovely son beneath the clod,
 Until thou rise to meet thy God.

Elisha Hood | Son of | Samuel & | Lydia Hood | Born |
 Dec. 13, 1796 | Died | Jan. 15, 1830.

John Hood | born Feb. 26, 1760, | died July 19, 1836, |
aged 76. | A soldier of the Revolution. | Also his wife | Ruth
Hood | born Dec. 3, 1762, | died March 8, 1840, | aged 78.

Miss | Ruth | Daug^t of Mr. John & | Mrs. Ruth Hood |
died Dec. 23, 1821. | Æt. 26.

Let worms devour my wasting flesh
And crumble all my bones to dust,
My God shall raise my frame anew
At the revival of the dust.

Also two infant sons.

Samuel Hood | A soldier of the | Revolution; | Born
March 1, 1762, | Died Dec. 10, 1843, | Aged 81. | Also his
wife | Lydia Hood | Born Dec. 31, 1760, | Died Dec. 2,
1734, | Aged 74.

Catherine Jane | daughter of Michael | and Louise Horris¹
| died | Oct. 11, 1839 | Aged 3 yrs.

Upon this little mound of earth,
Will friends with love sincere,
To thy dear memory fondly give
Affections sacred tear.

A casket fair is resting here,
The jewel is on high;
Oh Infant! were all hearts like thine
Who would not wish to die.

Here Lies Buried | The Body of | M^r Aaron Houey | who
Deceased | May the 4th | A D 1759 & | in the | 41st Year |
of His Age.

Here Lies Buried | The Body of Deacⁿ | Ivory Houey
who | Died Jan^r the 21st | A. D 1759 & in | the 77th Year |
of His Age

Hark from the Tombs
A doleful sound mine
Ears attend the cry
Ye living men come
See the ground
Where shortly
You must lie.

¹ Horace.

In memory of | Mrs. Mehitable Howe | who died Oct. 5,
1818, | aged 49 years.

Rest here dear mother till the
morning of the resurrection dawn.

No pain nor grief nor anxious fear
Invade thy rest, no mortal woes
Can reach the peaceful sleeper here
And angels watch the soft repose.

Here Lies Buried | the Body of | M^r Thomas Howlett |
Who Died Sep^t 14, | 1746 in the 31st | Year of His Age.

Humphrey G. Hubbard | Died | July 13, 1847, | Aged 40.

John B. | son of | Lieu^t William & Mrs. | Rebekah Hub-
bard | died Dec. 10, 1817, | aged 1 y^r 11 m^s.

Mrs. Mary A. | Wife of | William R. Hubbard | Died |
March 9, 1843; | Aged 36.

Rebekah, | wife of Lieut. | Wm. Hubbard | Died March
15, 1818, | Æt. 37 yrs.

'Nor pains 'nor grief 'nor anxious fears,
Invade thy bounds, no mortal woes,
Can reach the peaceful sleeper here,
While angels watch the soft repose.

Died | Rev. Asahel Huntington, 1813, Aged 52. | Mrs.
Aletea Huntington, 1850, Aged 83. | Aletea Their Daugh-
ter, 1814, Aged 21. | Hezekiah Their Son, 1828, Aged 28. |
Mary Ann Their Daughter, 1836, Aged 34.

[On monument.]

Mrs. | Eunice Jackson | Relict of | Mr. Joshua Jackson |
died April 7, 1813, | Æt. 78.

When I lie buried deep in dust,
My flesh shall be thy care;
These with'ring limbs with thee I trust
To raise them strong and fair.

Phebe Ann Ingalls, | Daughter of | Henry & Anna B. |
Janes. | Died July 11, 1847; | Aged 24 yrs. | & 6 mos.

In Memory of M^r Benjamiⁿ | Kimball, late Student of |
Harvard College; who, after | a Distressing Illness, which he
| Bore with that chearfull Resig- | nation, which Character-

izes tho^{se} | Whose Religion is of the heart, | Died, Aug^t
19th 1775, Æt 19.

Tho' Sin's illusive joys awhile may Charm
Mankind, they lead to endless Woe & Death.
But Virtue, rich & Steadfast Blessings yields;
Support tho' Life & Wings the Soul for Heaven.

Father | Benjamin Kimball | Born | Dec. 16, 1777, | Died
1813, | Aged 36 yrs.

Abigail W. Brock | Wife of | Benjamin Kimball | 1808-
1832. | Abigail B. Bradstreet | Wife of | Benjamin Kimball
| 1814-1850. | Marietta B. | 1838-1841 | Benjamin F. |
1842-1843 | Children of Benjamin & | Abigail Bradstreet |
Kimball. | Benjamin F. | 1829-1837 | Child of Benjamin &
| Abigail Brock | Kimball. [On monument.]

In Memory of | Mr. David Kimball, | son of Mr. Jacob
and | Mrs Priscilla Kimball, | who died Nov^r 18th 1796, |
Æt. 24.

Great God I own thy sentence just
And nature must decay.
I yield my body to the dust,
To dwell with fellow day.

This humble monument is | erected in memory of | Mr.
Jacob Kimball, | who departed this life | Nov. 8, 1810.
Æt. 79. | No man ever suffered more domes | tic sorrow than
he did, with more | christian fortitude, till over come | with
age and sickness and his | multiplied distresses, his strong |
and steady mind sunk under the | complicated pressure, un-
able to | sustain the sad variety of his woes.¹

Sorrow and age and sickness all assail'd
Till strength and health & manly reason fail'd;
The stately oak that many a storm has borne,
At last is by o'erwhelming floods upturn.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

In Memoriam | Jacob | Son of | Jacob and Priscilla | Kim-
ball, | Born in Topsfield in 1760, | Graduated at Harvard
College 1780, | and Died in Topsfield | July 24, 1826.²

In Memory of | Miss Lydia Kimball, | daug^r of Mr Jacob

¹ Of his ten children he followed eight of them to the grave and late in life became blind.

² Musical composer of some note. Author of *Rural Harmony*, 1793; *Essex Harmony*, 1800, etc.

& | Mrs Priscilla Kimball, | who died April 24th | 1795.
Æt. 23.

Naked as from the earth we came
And crept to life at first,
We to the earth return again
And mingle with our dust.

Erected in Memory of Miss | Mehitable Kimball, eldest
| Daughter of M^r Jacob & M^{rs} | Priscilla Kimball, who died
| Nov^r 16th 1790: Aged 32.

These gates of death no more shall e'er be burst,
Till heav'n's command shall wake the sleeping dust,
And then creation vast, immense, shall rise,
And men with angels throng th' etherial skies.

In Memoriam | Phebe Wildes, | Wife of | Jacob Kimball,
| Born in Topsfield, | and Died June 13, 1808, | Aged 60
years.

Erected | In Memory of | Miss Priscilla Kimball, | daugh-
ter of M^r Jacob & | Mrs. Priscilla Kimball, | who died Sep^r
28th 1792: | in the 30th year of her age.

Tho' thy arms, O Death! enfold me,
Yet thy strongest grasp will fail!
Gloomy Grave! thou canst not hold me!
I, thro' Jesus, shall prevail.

From your dark your drear dominions,
To the blissful seats above,
I shall soar on joyfull pinions
To enjoy my Saviours love.

Erected | In Memory of | Mrs. Priscilla Kimball | wife of
| Mr. Jacob Kimball | who departed this Life | Dec^r 7th
1792; in the 58th | year of her age.

Boast not, O Death! thy potent sting!
Nor think, O Grave! to hold thy prize!
From your dark mansions she shall spring,
And soar with rapture to the skies.

Samuel Kimball | Son of M^r Jacob & | M^{rs} Priscilla Kim-
ball | who Died Sep^r 9 | 10th, 1775; | Aged 9 Months.

Just step'd into this Busy World Below
He fell a Victim to Deaths Fatal bow
Thus Ye Gay Flow'r, when North Winds
Rise, Reclines its Beauteous Head.

In Memory of | Anna, daughter of | Enos & Anna Lake |
who died Sept. 27, | 1809, Æt. 5 Years, | 11 Months, 3 days.

She glanc'd into the world to see
 A sample of our Misery;
 Then turned away her languid eye,
 To drop a tear or two & die.

In memory of | Mr. | Eliezer Lake | who died | March
 12, 1824 | Æt. 72.

Through every scene of life and death,
 His promise was my trust,
 And may this be my childrens song,
 Now I am in the dust.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

two Sons of Enos & | Anna Lake, | one died July 16, 1799
 | aged 17 hours, the other | Aug. 9, 1799, 3 w. 3 days.

Scarce had the parents fondly view'd
 Their offsprings smiling charms
 When deaths insatiate arrows flew
 And snatched them from their arms.

In Memory of | Mrs. Lucy P. Lake | wife of | Mr. David
 Lake, Jr. | who died | Sept. 9, 1831, | Aged 23 years | & 9
 months.

Mary T. | wife of | Eleazor Lake | died | Apr. 2, 1841, |
 Æt. 90.

In Memory of | Mrs. Ruth H. Lake, | wife of | Mr.
 Robert Lake Jr. | who died | Feb. 17, 1830, | aged 35 years.

Alathea H. Lamson, | Mar. 9, 1817–Nov. 22, 1842.

[On monument.]

Jacob Towne | 1785–1844.

[On monument.]

Sylvanus Wildes | 1754–1829. | Rebecca his wife | 1753–
 1837. | Charles Wildes | 1782–1826. | Mehitable Wildes |
 1756–1840. | Sarah Wildes | 1761–1840. [On monument.]

Miss | Ruth | daughter of | John & Anna | Lamson died
 | Jan. 18, 1825, | Æt. 62.

Depart my friends dry up your tears,
 Here I must lie, till Christ appears,
 Death is a debt to nature due,
 As I have paid it, so must you.

In Memory of | M^r John Lefavour | Ob^t Aug. 26th 1798,
 | in the 81st Year | of his Age.

Of all the sorrows that attend mankind,
 With patience bore the lot to him assign'd
 At four score years he bid the world adieu,
 And paid with joy the debt to nature due.

John Lefavour 2^d | Died | Nov. 13, 1834, | Aged 86. |
 His wife died | Oct. 7, 1846, | Aged 95.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

In Memory of | Mrs. Mary Lefavour, | wife of Mr. John
 Lefavour, | Obt. May 28th, 1797.

Reader pass on, ne'er waste your time,
 On bad biography, and bitter rhyme,
 For what I am, this cumb'rous clay ensures,
 And what I was, is no affair of yours.

Erected by Amos Lefavour.

Mr. | Stephen W. Lemont, | a native of | Litchfield, Maine
 | Died in this Town | April 21, 1844, | Aged 27.

Mr. | Frederic J. Merriam | Died | March 25, 1843, |
 Aged 54 yrs.

Dr. John | Merriam, | Died | Nov. 21, 1817 | Æt. 59 y'rs.

Hannah | wife of | Dr. John Merriam | Died | Feb. 20,
 1806, | Æt. 45 y'rs. | Almira | their daughter | Died | Feb.
 12, 1839 | Æt. 48 y'rs.

Jonas | son of Lieu^t Jonas | & Mrs. Mehitable | Meriam
 died June | 26, 1796, aged | 2 months.

Mary Ann | wife of | Gillmon F. Morrill | Died Sept. 1,
 1847. | Aged 30 years.

My dear companion you I leave,
 Though long and sorely you will grieve,
 This grave contains your blooming bride,
 And soon you must lay by my side.

In Memory of | Miss Susanna Northey | who died | May,
 18, 1827, | Æt. 55.

Sacred | To the Memory of | Charles | Son of Lieutenant
 | B. R. & Ann | Ottley | Obt. 8 Feb. 1824, | Aged 19
 months.

In memory of | Mrs. Lucy | widow of | Mr. John Parker,
 | who died | June 7, 1835 ; | Æt. 71.

Amelia | Wife of | Cyrus Peabody, | Died Sept. 19, 1848,
| Æt. 23.

Cyrus, | son of Mr. John P. | & Mrs. Esther | Peabody,
died | Sept. 14, 1814, | Æt. 4.

Eben^r Peabody | Died | July 16, 1825 | Æt 47.

Elizabeth | Widow of | Jacob Peabody, | & late consort
of | Elias Tarr | Died | Aug. 28, 1849 | Æ. 53.

We wept to see thee die,
We mourn thy absence yet;
O, may we meet thee in the sky,
And there our tears forget.

In Memory of | Mrs. Esther wife of | John P. Peabody |
who died | Aug. 11, 1842, | Aged 52 Yrs.

She being dead yet speaketh.

Though soon her dust returns to dust,
Her soul to God is given;
It is not dead it is not death
To pass from earth to Heaven.

Joel Wm | son of Joel R. | & Mary B. | Peabody, | died
May 7, | 1844 | Æt. 14 yrs 10 ms.

We sink like drips of summer showers
As grass we're mown we're pluck'd as flow'rs

John P. Peabody | Died | November 5, 1846, | Æt. 66.

Farewell to earth and earthly scenes,
To children, sister, brother, friends;
And while God gives you life and health,
Improve your time prepare for death.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Erected | In Memory of | Mrs. Lydia | Consort of Mr.
John | Peabody, Jr. | Who departed this life | Nov. 20, 1813.
| Æt. 27.

Reader if love of worth, thy bosom warm,
If virtue please thee or if friendship charm,
Upon this marble drop a tender tear,
Worth, virtue, friendship, all are buried here.

In Memory of | Mrs. Mary B. | wife of | Joel R. Peabody,
| who died | Feb. 14, 1839 | Aged 39.

Thy spirit with its God, who gave,
Thy dust endears this hallowed grave.

Thomas S. Peabody | Died | Oct. 31, 1839, | Aged 1 yr.
 | Edwin A. Peabody | died Sept. 10, 1842, | aged 8 yrs. |
 Children of Augustine S. & Helena | Peabody.

[On monument.]

In Memory of | Mr. Amos Perkins | who departed this life
 | Sep. 18, 1814; | Æt. 83.

In Memory of | Mrs. Annar Perkins, | Relict of | Mr.
 Moses Perkins, | who departed this life | Feb. 9, 1825; |
 Æt. 90 years 3 mos. | & 19 days.

Prompt[t] to perform the duties of her sphere,
 Her hand industrious, and her heart sincere,
 By all, who knew her, and her virtues prov'd,
 She died lamented, as she lived belov'd.

In memory of | Miss Betty Perkins | Dau^r of Mr. Amos
 & | Mrs. Kezia Perkins, | who departed this life | Jan. 22.
 1794. | Aged 29 years.

Sacred | to the memory of | Mr. | David Perkins, | who
 died | July 27, 1827: | Æt. 71.

In Memory of | Elijah, Son of | Zebulon & Mary | Per-
 kins | who died | May 17, 1806, | Aged 15 yrs.

To the memory of | Mr. Elisha Perkins | who departed
 this life | May 20th 1802, | Aged 49.

Jesus can make a dying bed
 Feel soft as downy pillows are,
 While on his breast I lean my head
 And breathe my life out sweetly there.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

In Memory of | Elizabeth Perkins | Daughter of Ezra &
 | Elizabeth Perkins, | who died | March 14, 1822, | Æt. 26.

"As Jesus died and rose again
 Victorious from the dead;
 So his disciples rise and reign
 With their triumphant head."

In Memory of | Elizabeth Perkins, | wife of | Ezra Per-
 kins | who died Aug. 6, 1822. | Æt. 68.

How blest is our friend—now bereft
 Of all that could burden her mind;
 How easy her soul that has left,
 This wearisome body behind.

In Memory of | Mr. | Ephraim Perkins | who died | Dec.
11, 1843, | Aged 74 Yrs.

Mrs. | Esther Perkins | Wife of Mr. Robert Perkins, | Jun^r,
died July 29, 1817, | Æt. 63.

In Memory of | Mr. Ezra Perkins | who died Nov. 12,
1824, | Æt. 71.

"No more the weary pilgrim mourns,
No more affliction wrings his heart,
Th' unfetter'd soul to God returns,
Forever he and anguish part."

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

In | Memory of | Mrs. Hannah Perkins | Relict of Mr.
Robert | Perkins, who departed | this Life July 22, 1802, |
in the 78th year of | her age.

In memory of | Miss Hannah Perkins, Daug. of | Mr.
Robert & Mrs. Hannah | Perkins, who died Nov^r 16, 1802,
| Aged 47 years.

In memory of | Mr | Jacob Perkins | Born | Feb. 24, 1783,
| Died | Nov. 5, 1841, | Aged 58.

In memory of | Miss Kezia Perkins | Dau^r of Mr Amos &
| Mrs. Kezia Perkins | who departed this life | Oct. 28,
1782 | Aged 22 years.

In Memory of | Mrs. Kezia Perkins. | Relict of Mr. Amos
Perkins, | who departed this life | Jan. 22. 1815. | Æt 77.

In memory of | Miss Lydia, | Daughter of Mr. Robert |
and Mrs. Hannah Perkins, | who died Feb. 27, | 1830, Æt. 72.

In Memory of | Martha wife of | Thomas Perkins | who
died Sept 4th 1776, | Aged 41 years | and also of | Daniel
Perkins Son of | Thomas & Martha Perkins | who died at
Sea, | March 14th 1800. | Aged 38 years.

In memory of | Mary Ann, | Died July 19, 1828, | Æt.
19 years | Judith S. | Died Aug. 17, 1826, | Æt. 10 years, |
Daughters of | Nathaniel & Judith | Perkins.

In Memory of | Mrs. | Mary Perkins | Relict of | Zebulon
Perkins | who died | March 23, 1839, | Aged 94 yrs. 9 mos.

Miss | Mehitable Perkins | Daughter of | Mr. Robert &
| Mrs. Hannah Perkins | died Dec. 8, 1813. | Æt. 46.

In memory of | Mrs. Mercy | Widow of | Mr. Elisha Per-
kins, | Who died | Mar. 10, 1848, | Æt. 89 yrs. 9 mos. | &
10 ds.

In memory of | Mr. Moses Perkins, | who departed this
life | Aug. 7, 1807; | Æt. 74 years & 8 months.

Vain world adieu! thy stormy scenes I leave,
And seek the peaceful slumbers of the grave;
Adieu ye friends, who once possessed my heart,
Dispel your grief, tis Jesus bids us part.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Mrs. Nabby | Wife of | David Perkins, | Died | Oct. 25,
1842, | Aged 82 Yrs. 8 mos.

In memory of | Peggy Perkins | daughter of | Thomas &
Martha | Perkins | who died June 30, 1822, | Aged 51 years
& 6 mo.

To the memory of | Polly Perkins Dau. of | Mr. Elisha &
Mrs. | Mercy Perkins, who | died March 1st 1788, | Aged 2
years and | 6 months.

Re^{ka} Perkins

[An early foot stone.]

In | Memory of | Mr. Robert Perkins | who departed this
life | Nov. 10th 1801 | in the 73^d year | of his age.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Robert Perkins | died Oct. 9, 1814 | Æt. 22. | Betsey Per-
kins | died July 18, 1814 | Æt. 17. | Children of Mr. Robert
Jun^r | & Mrs. Esther Perkins.

In Memory of | Mr. Robert Perkins | who died | Jan. 14,
1825, | in the 65 year | of his age.

He needs not words of monumental fame,
To speak his worth, or celebrate his name,
His works can truest speak, can praise him best,
And well assure us, that his soul is blest.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

In memory of | Salome | wife of | Asa Perkins, | Died
Apr. 6, 1845, | Æt. 79.

Hear Laes'the Body | of Sarah Perkins | who Departed
This | Life January y^e 21 Day | 1719-20 Aged 20 Years | &
9 Months & 24 Days.

Erected | In Memory of | Cap^t Stephen Perkins, | who de-
parted this life | October 22^d: 1790: | Aged 64 years.

So sleep the saints & cease to grone,
When sin and death have done their worst,
Christ hath a glory like his own,
Which waits to clothe their sleeping dust.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Here Lyes y^e Body | of Cap Tobijah | Perkins who Depar-
| ted this Life May | 1 1723 Aged 76 | Years & 6 month^s |
& 11 Days.

In memory of three | Infants, Children of | Thomas &
Martha Perkins | Born and died Sept 19, 1760, | and also of
Israel son of | Thomas & Martha Perkins | who died | March
21st 1765 | Aged 11 months.

In Memory of | Thomas Perkins | who died Jan. 5th 1801.
| Aged 75 Years, | and also of | Dinah wife of | Thomas
Perkins | who died Oct. 20th 1756, | Aged 22 years.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

In Memory of | Thomas Perkins Esq. | An eminent Mer-
chant | His Industry, Temperance & Enterprise | Raised him
From Poverty to Immense | Wealth, which he enjoyed with-
out Pride | Or Ostentation and dispensed with Justice | And
Benevolence. He was diligent and | Faithful in business
pure in his life and | Conversation; of a sound & vigorous
mind | And of an Integrity and Fortitude which | Neither
Prosperity or Adversity could | Shake or corrupt. | He was
an affectionate son, a kind relative | And a firm friend. |
He was a Christian above Sectarian prejudice | And a Man
above Fear & without reproach | He was born in Topsfield,
| April 2, 1758 and | died Nov. 24, 1830.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Sacred | To the Memory of | Mr. Zebulon Perkins | who
died | Sept. 22, 1810, | Æt. 69 years | & 8 months.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Miss | Betsey | Daughter of Mr. Stephen | & Mrs. Elisabeth
Perley, | died Nov 17, 1819 | Æt. 34.

Elizabeth Perley, | Huldah Perley | Erected by | Huldah
Perley. [On monument.]

In memory of | Fanny Perley, Daug. of | Mr. Stephen &
Mrs. Elisabeth | Perley who died Sep^t 30, 1800, | Aged 13
years.

Erected in Memory of M^{rs} | Lucy Perley, wife of M^r Solo-
mon | Perley (& 4th Daug^r of M^r Jacob | & M^{rs} Priscilla Kim-
ball.) who | died Sep^t 29th 1790: Aged 23. | Also Lucy their
infant daug^r born | Aug^t 9th & died Nov^r 5th 1790.

As vernal storms both tree & fruit destroy,
So death thee Lucy & thy budding joy:
Farewell! for thee each feeling heart shall
(mourn)

And oft to mind thy friendly soul return.

Gen. Nathaniel Perley, | Born | Apr. 16, 1800, | Died |
Nov. 21, 1842.

In memory of | Sally Perley, Daugh. of | Mr. Stephen &
Mrs. | Elisabeth Perley, who | died June 20, 1795; | Aged
5 years.

The Heirs of | Stephen Perley Jr. | to the Memory of |
Stephen Perley Sen. | who died Feb. 16, 1839, | Aged 92.
| And of his wife Elisabeth | who died April 4, 1840, |
Aged 87.

Harriet E. | dau. of Richard | & Elizabeth | Phillips, |
born Jan. 26 | 1832, | died June 2 | 1842 | Æt 10 yrs. 4
mos | & 6 days

In Memory of | Phebe Phillips, | daughter of | Samuel &
| Lydia Phillips, | who died | Aug. 12, 1828; | Aged 6
years.

Samuel Phillips | died | Nov. 8, 1827 | Æt. 38. | We
loved him.

Susan Ann Marcy | dau. of Richard | and Elizabeth H.
| Phillips, died | March 5, 1838, | Æt. 10 months.

Reader hark ! and hear this Infant strike
 On golden harp those tunes divine.
 See O ! See her round the throne of God,
 Tuneing her sweet voice in angel song.

In Memory of | Mrs. Priscilla B. | wife of | Abraham T.
 Pierce, | who died | Sept. 18, 1837, | Aged 53.

This stone stands here, to
 tell the place,
 Where her dust lies, not
 what she was;
 When Saints shall rise that
 day will show,
 The part she acted here
 below.

Asa Pingree, | Born June 25, 1770, | Died April 24, 1834.
 | Annar Perkins, | Wife of Asa Pingree, | Born May 31,
 1771, | Died June 9, 1853.

Erected by their Daughter, to the memory of all the Sleepers in this enclosure.

Here lies Buried | the Body of | Elijah Porter Esq^r | who
 died Suddenly on | the 17th of Dec^r 1775, in | $\frac{e}{y}$ 63^d Year of
 His Age.

The good Mans ways are Gods delight
 He Orders all his Steps aright.

Erected by | Mrs. Hannah Perkins, | In memory of | her
 adopted daughter, | Susan M. Putney, | who died Sept. 27,
 1848, | Æt. 16 yrs. & 5 mos.

Though our young branch is torn away,
 Like withered trunks we stand;
 With fairer verdure shall we bloom,
 Touched by th' Almighty's hand.

Horace | died July 9, 1844, | aged 10 yrs, 1 mo. | Louisa
 C. | died May 30, 1846, | aged 10 yrs. | Children of | Wil-
 liam & Louisa Ray.

An infant son | of William & Louisa Ray | died Sept. 14,
 1847 | Aged 11 days.

John Sawyer | Died | August 26, 1848, | Æt. 45 yrs. & 6
 mos.

[Front.] Erected by | George A. Smith | & other | De-
 scendants in | Utah. 1873 | [Base.] Smith. | [Right Side.]
 Samuel Smith | son of | Robert & Mary, | Born in | Tops-

field Mass. | Jan. 26, 1666 | Died | July 12, 1748. | Rebecca
 | his wife, | Daughter of | John Curtice | Died Mar. 2, 1753
 | Æt. 65 yrs. | [Left Side.] Samuel Smith | Born | Jan. 26,
 1714, | Died | Nov. 14, 1785. | Priscilla | his wife | Daughter
 of | Zaccheus Gould | Born | Aug. 4, 1707 | Died | Sept.
 25, 1785. [Monument.]

Capt. | Henry Stickman, | Died at sea, July 28, 1849, |
 Æt. 60 yrs. [On monument.]

William Porter Gould | Son of | Jonathan P. & Mary E.
 Gould | Died Feb. 3, 1844; | Aged 1 yr. 5 mos. & 12 ds.
 [On monument.]

Sarah Atossa | Daughter of | Stillman and | Sarah Stone
 | died | May 15, 1832 | Æt. 11 months.

To the Memory of | Mrs. Elisabeth Towne, | wife of |
 Mr. Jacob Towne | who departed this Life | May 12th 1800
 in the 69th | year of her age.

What tho' our sleeping bodies lie
 Consign'd to dust & food for worms,
 Yet Christ will raise them to the sky,
 All glorious in Celestial forms.

Mr. | Jacob Towne | departed this life | September 18,
 1807, | aged 70 years | & 6 months.

Blessed are they and only they
 Who in the Lord the Saviour die,
 Their bodies wait Redemption's day,
 And sleep in peace where e're they lie.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

Jacob Towne | 1768-1836. | Mary | His wife | 1768-1845.

Jacob Town | Died | May 4, 1844 | Æt. 58 yrs. 6 mos.

Jacob P. [Towne] | 1847-1848. [On monument.]

Charlotte | wife of | Wm. Waite | Died | Nov. 17, 1843,
 | Aged 23.

Harriet | Wife of | Hiram Wells, | Died | Sept. 5, 1837 |
 Aged 25 yrs.

Dudley Wildes | Jr | Died Jan. 11, 1820, | Aged 34 yrs.

Col. | Ephraim Wildes, | died | Jan. 31, 1829, | Æt. 47.

Friends, nor Physician could not save,
My mortal body from the grave;
Nor can the grave confine me here,
When Christ commands me to appear.

John Wildes | Died | Feb. 4, 1849 | Aged 65.

Lydia Ann His Wife | [Israel Wildes,] | May 20, 1816–
Sept. 25, 1747. | Almon O. Their Son | Sept. 25, 1843–
Sept. 26, 1847. | [On monument.]

Mr. | Moses Wildes | departed this life | July 24, 1810, |
Æt. 70.

The saints though buried in the dust,
Shall rise again among the Just,
Surviving friends who drop a tear
Remember your own death is near.

[Revolutionary Soldier.]

A son of | Mr. Moses & | Mrs. Esther Wildes | died April
17, 1812 | aged 10 days.

Moses Wildes, | Died | Jan. 2, 1838, | Æt. 60 y'rs, 4 mo's,
| & 29 days.

Moses Wildes | 1777–1838. | Infant son [of Joseph and
Susan Wildes] | 1812. | [On monument.]

Mrs. | Phebe | wife of | Mr. Solomon Wildes, | died April
18, 1824, | Æt. 26.

Ah hapless Son and Partner dear,
When o'er my grave you shed a tear,
May faith direct you to the shore
Where new born souls shall part no more.

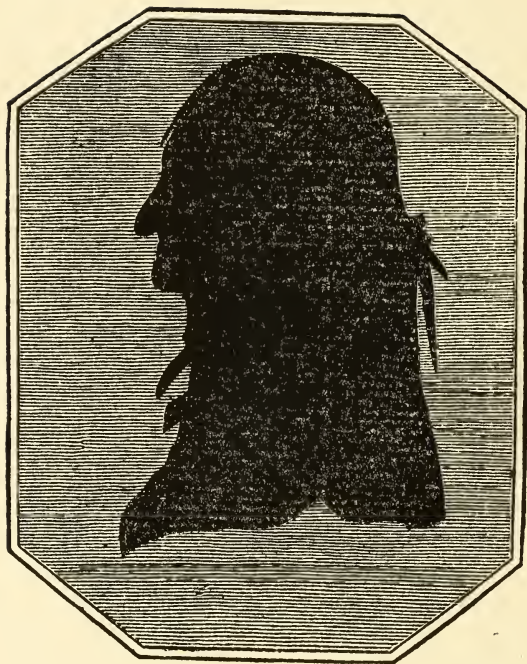
Mrs. Rachel | Consort of | Col. Ephraim Wildes, | died |
April 16, 1830, | Æt. 47.

They were lovely and pleasant
in their lives, and in their death
they were not long divided.

2 Samuel, 1, 23.

Mrs. | Susanna | relict of | Mr. Moses Wildes, | died |
Feb. 20, 1837, | Æt 85.

Our life how short ! a groan, a sigh,
We live—and then begin to die.
But oh ! how great a mercy this,
That death's a portal into bliss.



NATHANIEL PEABODY.

[This Profile was taken about the year 1810.]

HON. NATHANIEL PEABODY.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH, FROM FARMER AND MOORE'S
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CONCORD, N. H., 1824.

NATHANIEL PEABODY was born at Topsfield in the county of Essex and Province of Massachusetts-Bay, Wednesday the 18th day of February, O. S. 1740, corresponding with March 1, 1741. His father, *Jacob Peabody*, who was an eminent physician and a man of literature and science, removed in April, 1745, from Topsfield to Leominster in the county of Worcester, and resided there till his death in 1758. His mother was Susanna, daughter of the *Rev. John Rogers*, who was for fifty years minister of Boxford, Mass. She was of the tenth generation in the direct line of descent from John Rogers, the martyr burnt at Smithfield, and possessed a strong and cultivated mind. Nathaniel derived his early education entirely from his father, never having attended school a day in his life. He also studied and practised physic with him from twelve till eighteen years of age, when his father died. At about the age of twenty, he went to that part of Plaistow in New Hampshire, which was afterwards annexed to the town of Atkinson, and there soon acquired extensive practice. March 1, 1763, he married Abigail, daughter of Samuel Little, Esq. of Plaistow, but they had no children. She still survives, though bowed down with infirmity and age. Early in life the subject of this notice was a favourite with the government of the province, and held several offices under it. April 30, 1771, when only thirty years old, he, together with Meshech Weare, Matthew

Thornton, Wyseman Clagett and others, was commissioned by Gov. John Wentworth as a Justice of the Peace and of the quorum for the county of Rockingham, and was, no doubt, in the commission of the peace, for some years previously to that time. In the same commission several, who were considerably his elders and afterwards became distinguished, were appointed merely justices of the peace. From these facts it may be inferred that he was at that early period of life regarded as no ordinary man; for the office of justice of the quorum was then, and for many years afterwards, much more responsible and important than at the present day. Any three or more justices of the quorum had power to hold courts, to "enquire by the oath of good and lawful men of the county," as to numerous misdeeds and offences, "and to inspect all indictments taken before them, and to hear and determine all indictments, trespasses and misdeeds, and all other, the premises (in their commission mentioned), and to punish offenders by fines, amerciaments, forfeitures or otherwise according to law." Oct. 27, 1774, Doct. Peabody was appointed Lieut. Colonel of the 7th regiment of militia. At this time the controversy between the colonies and the parent country had approached near its crisis; the revolution was rapidly dawning, and the battle of Lexington was fought the succeeding April. Col. Peabody espoused, with ardour, the cause of his country and was the first man in New-Hampshire who resigned a King's commission on account of political opinions. In December of this year he went with Maj. Sullivan, Capt. John Langdon, Josiah Bartlett and others, who assaulted Fort William and Mary at New-Castle, confined the captain of the fort and his five men, and carried off a hundred barrels of powder. This important enterprize was accomplished at the most fortunate point of time, just before the arrival of several companies of the King's troops, who took possession of the fort.

Col. Peabody was a delegate or agent from Atkinson to a convention of agents from about forty towns in Massachusetts-Bay and New-Hampshire, held at the house of Maj. Joseph Varnum in Dracut, Nov. 26, 1776. Capt. John Bodwell of Methuen was chairman, and Nathaniel Peabody, clerk. Its object was, as the record states, to take into consideration

"the alarming situation of our public affairs at this time on account of the exorbitant prices that are demanded and taken in consideration for many of the necessities of life, by which means our paper currency is daily depreciating in value and the honest mechanic and labourer very much distressed by the extortion of the merchant, trader, farmer and others, whereby many good and valuable men are much discouraged from engaging in the service of these states, to the great damage of the continental army, upon which, under God, the future safety and well being of these states very much depend. The convention voted to petition the General Courts of Massachusetts-bay and New-Hampshire "to take the premises under consideration and so to regulate the purchases and sales of the necessities of life as to obviate the evil we imagine will otherwise ensue." Two committees were appointed to draft the petitions. Colonel Peabody was chairman of one of them, and his draft was adopted by the other committee. It was voted that "Oliver Barron and Nathaniel Peabody be a committee in behalf of this convention to prefer the aforementioned petition to the honorable General Court of the State of Massachusetts-bay and that they pursue the same so far as shall be reasonable in order to have the prayer thereof granted." In December of the same year, Colonel Peabody appears as a Representative in the General Court from the district of Atkinson and Plaistow. In 1777, he was again in the Assembly, and appears from the journals to have been a very efficient and leading member. He was on a committee with John Wentworth, jr. Jonathan Mitchell Sewall and Samuel Gilman, jr. Esquires, "to draw up and bring in a bill for the trial and punishment of persons, who shall by any misbehaviour, in word or deed, be adjudged inimical to the liberty and freedom of the States of America (not within the act against treason,) and directing how such trials shall be had and how judgment thereon shall be executed." January 8, he was first on a committee appointed to consider and report "what and who shall be deemed the supreme executive power in this State within the intent and meaning of the act against treason and misprison of treason." He and Wyseman Clagett were a committee on the part of the Assembly, to prepare and bring in a bill for a

new proportion of taxes. Besides these, he was chairman of several other committees to whom were referred subjects of the greatest importance to the liberty and welfare of the State. Jan. 10th, he, together with Meshech Weare, Nicholas Gilman, Josiah Bartlett, John Dudley and others, was appointed by the council and assembly a committee of safety, and he took his seat with the committee the 20th of that month. This was, perhaps, the highest trust in the gift of the General Court, and was committed to none but men of tried patriotism and integrity. "To this committee" says Belknap, "the general instruction was similar to that, given by the Romans to their Dictators, 'to take under consideration all matters in which the welfare of the Province, in the security of their rights is concerned; and to take the utmost care, that the public sustain no damage.' Particular instructions were given to them from time to time, as occasion required. They were considered as the supreme executive; and during the recess of the convention, their orders and recommendations had the same effect as the acts and resolves of that whole body." So extensive were the powers of this committee in 1775 and for several years afterwards; but at the close of 1779 or the beginning of 1780 they were, for some pique against the committee, "almost wholly taken away."

In the course of 1777, '78, and '79, Col. Peabody was elected, at six or seven different times, a member of the committee, and in 1778 served on it forty-two days. His shrewdness, vigilance, and activity, qualified him in a peculiar manner for this station; and, it is said, he was eminently successful in detecting and exposing the treasonable practices of the tories.

June 27, 1777, he was appointed by the General Court, and commissioned by Meshech Weare, a justice of the peace and of the quorum for the county of Rockingham.

July 18, Josiah Bartlett and Nathaniel Peabody were appointed by this State "to meet committees from the States of Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, and New-York, at the town of Springfield, in the county of Hampshire, on the 30th of July, inst. (1778,) then and there to hold a conference respecting the state of paper currency of the said

Government: of the expediency of calling in the same by taxes or otherwise: of the most effectual, expeditious, and equal method of doing it; and to consult upon the best means for preventing the depreciation and counterfeiting the same; and also to consider what is proper to be done with respect to the acts lately made to prevent monopoly and oppression; and to confer upon the late acts for preventing the transportation by land of certain articles from one State to another; and to consider such other matters as particularly concern the immediate welfare of said States, and are not repugnant to, or interfering with the powers and authorities of the Continental Congress: And report the result of their conference, to the General Court of this State, as soon as may be."

A report was accordingly made to the General Court, and on the 19th of September, several measures, recommended by the Convention, were adopted by the Council and Assembly in committee of the whole. One of them was the redeeming and calling in of the paper currency emitted by this State, by means of the issue of Treasury notes bearing interest and founded on the faith and credit of the State. Another was the "repealing of the acts for regulating prices, &c. and for making provision for the families of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers in the service of this State and engaged in the Continental army for 3 years or during the war."

July 19th, he was appointed Adjutant-General of Militia of this State, with the rank of Colonel, and in the following year was in that capacity with our troops at Rhode-Island under General Whipple, as appears by the pay roll. He commanded a regiment of volunteers at the same place and as one of them remarks, "was an excellent officer, kind and attentive to the soldiery, but when on parade, they had to look well to the right." He and Josiah Bartlett went to Bennington by appointment of the State to take care of, and provide for, the remains of the sickly retreating troops who fought the battle of Bennington, and those who had evacuated Ticonderoga.

The Continental Congress having passed a resolve recommending to the Legislatures of the States of New-Hampshire,

Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware respectively to appoint commissioners to convene at New-Haven in Connecticut on the 15th day of January, 1778, "in order to regulate and ascertain the price of labor, manufactures, internal produce, and commodities imported from foreign parts, military stores excepted, and also to regulate the charges of inn-holders, and that on the report of the Commissioners, each of the respective Legislatures enact suitable laws for enforcing the observance of such of the regulations as they shall ratify;" Jonathan Blanchard and Nathaniel Peabody were appointed commissioners by New-Hampshire, and went to New-Haven. Pennsylvania and Delaware were not represented. The convention elected Hon. Thomas Cushing of Massachusetts-Bay, President, and proceeded to the discharge of their duty.

After saying in their report that the Commissioners "have not been insensible of the principles upon which an opposition to the regulation of prices by law is founded," they defend their measures on the ground of the recommendation of Congress, and of their being "an immediate remedy of the exorbitant evils complained of." In this convention were several men distinguished for talents and patriotism, and among them the celebrated Roger Sherman of Connecticut, and Robert Treat Paine of Massachusetts-Bay.

Early in the revolution, and probably about 1777 or '78, Colonel Peabody and General Blanchard, were appointed to perform the duties of Attorney General, and they discharged them in a manner satisfactory to the Government, and advantageous to the people.

In 1778, he was again representative, and re-appointed a justice of the peace, and of the quorum for Rockingham. He was (with Josiah Bartlett and Nicholas Gilman,) on the committee of secret correspondence till '79.

In 1779, he was re-elected to the Assembly and acted with the committee of safety till the 27th of February. Being elected, March 25, a Delegate to the Continental Congress, he of necessity resigned his other employments in the Legislature and committee. April 3d, he and Woodbury Langdon were appointed Delegates to Congress "in the room and

stead" of Josiah Bartlett and John Wentworth, jr. who had resigned. Colonel Peabody was named in this vote for the purpose of supplying a defect in the former one, by determining when his duties should commence. He took his seat in Congress the 22d of June, and immediately became an active and useful member. The 3d of September he was added to the Medical Committee, and must soon have become chairman of it, as the "general return of the sick and wounded in the hospital of the United States," made by W. Shippen, jr. Director-General of the Medical Department, the 27th of December following, was directed to him as "Chairman of the Medical Committee." The functions of this committee, though at first highly important, were, after the arrest of the Director-General, greatly augmented by a resolve of the 26th of June, 1780, authorising said committee to take proper measures for carrying on the business of the Hospital Department, and requiring all medical gentlemen, and others attached to the said department, to pay obedience to the orders of the committee.

November 16, 1779, Colonel Peabody and Mr. Langdon, our Delegates in Congress, were appointed commissioners on the part of this State to meet commissioners from "all the States as far westward as Virginia inclusive," in a convention to be holden at Philadelphia the following January, "to take into consideration the expediency of limiting the prices of merchandize and produce, with the view of thereby preventing the further depreciation of our currency." This convention, it seems, was called upon the recommendation of another, which had been holden at Hartford the October preceding, "to consider these matters." In the letter of President Weare to our Delegates, informing them of their appointment to the Philadelphia convention, he speaks of "the alarming situation of our currency, and the great danger there is that our military operations, which at present are greatly embarrassed, will be finally totally destroyed through the enormous demands which are made for the necessaries of life." "The measure of regulating prices," he remarks, "is found to be attended with many difficulties, and it is feared, will have little or no good effect, unless it be general. And what effect it may then have is problematical ;

but every method which appears to have a tendency to remedy the evils, which threaten the ruin of our currency, must be attempted." The total failure of all these expedients to avert the ruin of the currency, and relieve the general distress, should not derogate from the honor of being selected to make the attempt. In times like those, the people naturally look to the best and wisest men for relief.

At the commencement of the year 1780, the country was apparently on the brink of ruin. The public treasury was empty; the paper currency had almost entirely lost its value; the public faith had failed; the army greatly reduced in number, destitute of pay, clothing, and sometimes of food, was on the point of mutiny; speculation and disorder had crept into the public offices; and speculation, engrossing, forestalling, and extortion every where prevailed.

In this state of affairs, Congress resolved to appoint a committee to proceed to head quarters, to consult with the Commander in Chief, and the Commissary and Quartermaster General about the defects of the present system; to carry into execution any plan for conducting the Quartermaster and Commissary departments; to consolidate regiments, abolish unnecessary posts, erect others, discharge unnecessary officers, retrench expenses, and generally to exercise every power requisite to effect a reformation of abuses and the general arrangements of the departments in any way connected with the matters committed to them. These powers were extended, by subsequent acts of Congress. The 13th of April, 1780, Philip Schuyler* of New-York, John Matthews† of South Carolina, and Nathaniel Peabody of New-Hampshire, were by ballot, appointed the committee, and forthwith proceeded to Morristown.

In a communication of the 28th of May to the President of Congress, written by Colonel Peabody, the committee say:

"In our letter of the 9th instant to Congress, we observed, that if the spirit of discontent, which then prevailed among the soldiery, should fully establish itself, it would be productive of the most serious consequences. The causes which contributed to the first rise of dissatisfaction continuing,

* Afterwards General Schuyler.

† Afterwards Governor of South Carolina.

have increased and ripened into mutiny. Two entire regiments of the Connecticut line, paraded on Thursday evening with their arms, accoutrements, and packs, intending to march off and return to the State. They complained of inability any longer to endure the torture of famine and the variety of distress they experienced. On this serious occasion the officers displayed a wisdom and prudence which does them honor; their exertions reduced the disorder to bounds of moderation, and the soldiery were prevailed on to desist from intentions so injurious to their country, so derogatory to their honor: they retired to their huts with passions cooled down indeed, but with evident signs of discontent and chagrin, and left their officers with the painful reflection that a repetition of similar distress was only wanting to complete a scene which they cannot contemplate without horror. The brave, patriotic, and virtuous band of officers of every line, have already given up their rations to the soldiery, submitted literally to bread and water as their only sustenance. By this scanty fare, they continue to set an example to, and keep, the soldiery in tolerable temper; but with tears in their eyes, such as men who feel for the distresses of their country may shed without pusillanimity, stated their apprehensions, that the dissolution of the army was at hand, unless constant supplies of provisions at least were kept up.

“Persuaded, Sir, that to be silent on such occasions would be criminal, we will address our compeers, with decency, but with freedom; we will advise them, that something more is necessary than mere recommendation, or they will lose an army, and thereby risk the loss of an empire. Times and exigencies render it sometimes necessary for the governing power to deviate from the strait line of conduct which regular constitutions prescribe. When such deviation is necessary for the preservation of the whole, it is incumbent on rulers to put themselves on the judgment of their country, to stand acquitted or condemned by it; such times, such exigency, such deviation, have heretofore taken place; they are marked on the journals of Congress; and the honest patriot reflects with gratitude, that there were men who at all hazards dared to save their country. We entreat Congress

seriously to consider, whether such times and exigencies do not now exist; if they do, shall posterity say that those who directed the affairs of America at this æra, were less intrepid and more attentive to personal consequences than their predecessors? Heaven forbid the thought! Our affairs, it is true, are alarmingly deranged; but bold and decisive measures, adopted and prudently executed, will restore all; our pristine vigour will be renewed, and the contest end in a glorious expulsion of the minions of a tyrant."

In another letter of June 5th, they write, "Since our last, we have received a letter from the Commander in Chief, stating the necessity of specific requisitions from the States, for *men, provisions, forage, and the means of transportation*. We have, in consequence, addressed ourselves to the several States on the subject, and made requisitions from each."

Their appeal to the States was urgent and eloquent, and produced a favourable effect. In a letter from Schuyler and Peabody to the President of Congress, dated Preakness, July 18th, they say.

"It was reasonable to conclude, that every State, so fully advised of the alarming situation of public affairs, would not have left any measure, to which it was equal, unassayed, to preserve the empire from the impending ruin with which it was threatened, support its honor, and maintain its character amongst the powers of the earth; and especially to establish the great object, to accomplish which they had already expended such a deluge of blood. We have learnt, with the most sensible satisfaction, that the people in most of the States are roused from the torpor which had generally prevailed; that a due sense of duty to their country has, with all ranks of men, been productive of a patriotic activity, evincing that they mean effectually to support the common cause; that some of the States, from whom aid has been required, have explicitly advised us of their intentions; whilst others have been partial, and some altogether silent on the subject."

This important committee was discharged August 11, 1780, and directed to report their proceedings to Congress. From the brief sketch here given, only a very inadequate estimate of their special powers and labours can be formed. The

record of their proceedings, including copies of many letters from General Washington, General Greene, and others, together with military returns and other official documents, fills a folio volume of three hundred and fifty-four closely written pages, and is an honorable monument of the untiring industry, enlightened views, distinguished firmness and energy, and devoted patriotism, of the committee. These qualities, however, did not shield them from the arts and intrigues of a "wicked cabal" in Congress, who sought the ruin of Gen. Greene and some other men, that were an honor to their country, and for whose services in the revolution, the American people, while they continue to value liberty, will never cease to be grateful. In a letter to Col. Peabody, dated "Camp at Kennemach, Sept 6, 1780," Gen. Greene remarks,

"You have had your day of difficulty, as well as I. Congress seems to have got more out of temper with the committee than with me; and I am told, charge great part of the difficulties upon the committee, that have taken place between them and me. However, of this, I suppose, you are better informed than I am. It appears to me, that Congress were apprehensive some disagreeable consequences might take place from the measures they have been pursuing contrary to the advice of the committee; and, therefore, they took the earliest opportunity to bring them into disgrace, to lessen their influence. The committee stand fair with the army, and I believe with the public at large; and, bad as our condition is, I believe we are altogether indebted to the committee for the tolerable state we are in."

Mr. Matthews, of the committee, whom Gen. Sullivan, in a letter to Col. Peabody, calls "your friend Matthews, an honest and sincere man," wrote Col. Peabody from Philadelphia, Oct. 3, 1780:—

"Thus much from my friendship you may rely on, that no man shall take your name in vain. As to "the committee's wanting to be made Lords and Protectors," I can say thus much, that by the Great God that made me! if I thought I could have influence enough to make any honest set of men the REAL PROTECTORS of this grievously injured people, I would harangue the multitude night and day! I would

rush into the midnight cabals of artful and designing men, and drag them forth to public view! In short, what is it I would not do, at the hazard of my life, to save this land from impending ruin! I each day see the rocks and shoals present their ghastly forms to us; yet, alas! my forebodings are treated with derision, and our helmsmen invariably steer the same course. It will take no great length of time to shew what will be the event. I tremble for our fate."

Excepting the time consumed by the mission to Head Quarters, or when Col. Peabody was confined by sickness, the journals bear evidence, that he was always at his post in Congress, faithfully discharging the duties of his station. Letters in his files also show, that his conduct was approved and applauded by many of the most illustrious patriots of that time. One from Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, dated Nov. 2, 1779, contains the following tribute of praise:—

"Though not personally acquainted with you, I hope I shall be pardoned for this letter. I have seen the proceedings of Congress in a late affair, and I have observed New-Hampshire supporting the cause of virtue against a very powerful and not less artful and wicked cabal, aiming at the public injury through the sides of its faithful servant; and I have been informed particularly, Sir, of your very worthy support of a character that has not deserved the treatment he has met with. New-Hampshire has long been celebrated for spirit; and it has now, on an extraordinary occasion, when very powerful efforts were made to debauch and to mislead, proved its title to the still higher qualities of wisdom and virtue. * * * * I shall esteem myself much honoured by your correspondence."

In a letter to him, dated Dec. 6, 1779, Hon. John Langdon says, "About a fortnight since, I received a letter from my brother, mentioning your name in high terms as a very useful member of Congress, and wishing that you might be prevailed upon to tarry through the winter; and three days since he returned home, and seems much pleased with you as a colleague. I mention this only as an agreeable circumstance in favour of the public, and your mutual good characters."

Though Colonel Peabody was never weary or faint in the

cause of his country, it seems, that early in 1780 he was desirous of resigning his seat in Congress. His affairs in New-Hampshire then required his attention, and the ill state of his health, in August and September following, must have turned his thoughts with double force on home.

February 7, 1780, he wrote to Judge Langdon—

"I was in great hopes to have been relieved by Mr. Livermore, but find I am not. Nothing but the cause of my country and the advice of my friends, among whom I have placed not a little dependence upon your opinion, could have induced me to sacrifice my interest and — by tarrying here through the winter, and I must beg your influence, that I may be relieved very early in the spring as I shall absolutely, if alive, within about eight weeks from this time at furthest."

The 18th of March, Hon. John Langdon wrote him—

"The General Court adjourns this day. The sickness and death of my father prevented my attending the session. I understand by Gen. Whipple that they have not appointed any person to relieve you, and as the court do not meet again until June next, you must go on in doing all the good you can for us, for "verily you shall have your reward." I am fully sensible that no gentleman can add to his fortune by attending Congress."

President Weare, in a letter to him of the 8th of August, observes, "I am fully sensible your absence must be very injurious to your private affairs, and your speedy return be very grateful to your friends, but the public service requires your attendance there, and you must look for your reward from the satisfaction of having done service in the important cause for which America is now contending. If you, and many others, expect any other reward here, I believe they will be much disappointed. But put a good face on it, we hope for better times." On the subject of his sickness, Gen. Greene wrote the 6th of September. "I am made very unhappy by your long and obstinate indisposition. When you left the army, we were in hopes it was only a slight touch of a fever, which a little relaxation and recess from business would soon remove. But, to our sorrow, we hear you are still persecuted with an intermitting fever, which threatens you with a still longer confinement. You have my prayers

for your speedy recovery, as well from motives of private friendship, as public good." The 27th of September, Colonel Peabody wrote General Sullivan then at Congress, "the state of my health is still such as will make it necessary for me to take a tour eastward, as soon as the report of the committee is completed, which in all probability will deprive me of a personal interview with you this season." Colonel Peabody having received at Morristown "some very favorable intelligence from the southward," and esteeming it of vast importance that the commander-in-chief should have the earliest advice of every interesting occurrence, communicated it by express to General Washington, on the 25th of October, and the General the next day replied, "I am exceedingly obliged by the very agreeable and important intelligence communicated in yours of last evening. This blow, if rightly improved, may give a total change to the southern affairs. I am glad to hear that your health has so far mended as to make you think of going abroad. It will give me great pleasure to see you at Head Quarters." Colonel Peabody was relieved by the appointment of Woodbury Langdon in his room, November 9, and no doubt, returned to New-Hampshire about that time. He did not, however, retire to "the shades of private life," for in 1781 we find him in the House of Representatives.

In 1782 and 1783, Colonel Peabody was a representative to the General Court. He was also a member of the convention to form a constitution for the State, and chairman of the committee which drew it up.

In 1784, he was a member of the House, and was elected counsellor by both branches in convention. At the October session he also acted on several committees in the House. The 14th of December, he was appointed a justice of the Court of Common Pleas, but declined the office: and the 25th, was appointed a justice of the peace and quorum, for several counties.

In 1785, he was elected a representative for his district, and a senator for Rockingham, by the people, and a counsellor by the Legislature. June 21, he was appointed a Delegate to Congress for one year, commencing the November following; but it is probable he never took his seat, as

he informed the General Court, November 3, that having good reason to expect that Mr. Long, one of the Delegates, then at Congress, would tarry, and that Mr. Langdon would accept, and take his seat by the 1st of November; he had not made the necessary arrangements for leaving the State for any considerable time; and requesting, as he should not be able to attend to his duties in Congress so early as the public affairs demanded, that some other gentleman might be appointed in his room. March 25th, he was appointed Brigadier General of the corps of Light-horsemen. This corps consisted of two regiments of six companies each, besides independent companies composed of gentlemen not liable to do duty in the train band.

In 1787, '88 and '89, he was in the House. The last year, he was commissioned by President Sullivan, a justice of the peace and quorum through the State; was chairman of a committee "to examine the laws of this State, and report whether any, and what laws of this State militate with the laws and constitution of the United States;" and was appointed, with President Sullivan, and Hon. Josiah Bartlett, to review the militia laws in the recess of the Legislature.

In 1790, he was in the Senate, and was appointed with Jeremiah Smith and John Samuel Sherburne, "a committee (as the vote expresses it) to select, revise, and arrange all the laws and public resolves of the State now in force, whether passed before or since the revolution, that the same may be compiled in one volume, and to prepare an intelligible index to be affixed thereto." This task was performed by the committee. Of the New-Hampshire Medical Society, which was incorporated at the close of this political year, General Peabody was one of the chief founders.

In 1791, he was a Senator; chairman of the committee "to report the measures necessary to be adopted to carry into effect that part of the constitution of this State directing a convention to be called, for a revision of the same;" was a member of that convention, Vice-President of it, and on most of its important committees. In June, President Wheelock, by desire of several of the Trustees of Dartmouth College, wrote to him, to solicit the honor of his presence at the approaching commencement, and saying, that they should

then be happy to show him respect. He added, "we have a particular sense of your friendship and influence in favor of the institution." They did at that commencement confer on him the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

In 1792, he was, as Governor Bartlett informed him, "elected senator for the county of Rockingham, by the free suffrages of the people." In 1793, he was Speaker of the House of Representatives. March 27, he was appointed Major General of the first division of militia, and resigned that office July 6, 1798. In 1795, he was a representative, and this, as far as the writer knows, was the last time he appeared in either the Legislature or Council.

His retirement may be considered voluntary, for he gave notice in the papers of the day, that he should, in future, decline all public trusts. After this long catalogue of the many important offices he had sustained, no person will wonder, that he was satisfied with the toils, and the honors, of public life. His commission as justice of the peace and quorum through the State, was, however, renewed this year, by Governor Gilman, and he continued in that office, with the exception of a year or two, in the rage of party spirit, till 1821, when a rule of the Executive, applying to justices the constitutional limitation as to the age of judges, deprived him of this little remnant of official power.

One strong reason for General Peabody's declining public appointments, was, probably, the situation of his property and finances, which, at that period, had become greatly deranged and embarrassed. In an expose of his affairs made about the year 1800, he stated, "that previous to the year 1794, his creditors were few in number—that the aggregate of their just and legal demands did not exceed 20 per cent. of the debts then due to him, including his lands and other property, at a just valuation, although he had before that time been guilty of many acts of humanity to people in distress, by means of which he had sustained considerable damage;" and imputed his embarrassment to great losses by means of suretyship, and the plunder and sale of his property through the negligence, misconduct and turpitude of his agents and supposed friends. These misfortunes resulted in his confinement for debt to the limits of the prison at Exeter,

for several of the last years of his life. His losses of necessity became the losses of his creditors, and exposed him to a full share of the blame and odium common in such cases.

General Peabody was not without foibles and faults. He was always rather vain and opinionative. At middle age he was almost passionately fond of dress and ostentatious parade, and expended large sums for such purposes. He was a fine horseman,* and in his golden days usually travelled with the most elegant horses, (of which he was a good judge, and great admirer) attended by his servant; and the people regarded him as a personage of high rank and consequence. But as imperfection is the lot of humanity, let his errors and his faults rest in oblivion; let him receive that general amnesty, which the living, conscious of their own frailties, do, in charity, freely grant to the dead.

General Peabody's natural abilities, though, by some called "airy and lofty," were nearly, if not quite, of the first order, and had he not devoted them so early to his country, might have raised him to a proud eminence in his profession. His perceptions were quick, his invention powerful, his reasoning tolerably prompt, just and perspicuous, and his memory remarkably tenacious; but he was most distinguished for his caustic wit, and resistless ridicule. These powers made him more formidable as an opponent than desirable as an ally, and it is said of him, by his contemporaries in the legislature, that though not always successful in carrying his own measures, he seldom failed in an attempt to defeat the projects of others. At the time when he was Speaker, his influence was so great, that by means of three or four of his associates, he ruled the State; and letters from some of the first men, who flourished at that period, show the high value which was placed on his friendship. His disposition was rather hasty, yet he could bend his will to his purposes, and regulate his passions to his views. His stock of general knowledge was quite reputable. Of national politics his views were liberal, accurate, and often original. From his knowledge of human nature, and the selfish policy of nations,

*In a sportive advertisement, which Gen. Schuyler sent to Gov. Matthews and Gen. Peabody, who had been a few days absent from Head Quarters, he described them as "commonly dressed in green coats, booted and spurred."

he foresaw approaching danger, and raised his warning voice. His leaning was always decidedly in favor of popular rights. In his politics, he was a republican, and he firmly adhered to that party.

In early life, General Peabody was a good Physician, and practised with success, and general applause; in his latter days he far excelled any tyro, or young medical practitioner, however learned, both in experience, and the judicious selection and application of remedies. He continued to administer to the health of others till he could no longer help himself. Patients came to him from distant parts, and he cured or alleviated many difficult chronic cases beyond the skill of his younger contemporaries. His manner, as well as his application was always pleasing, and his wit and humor made him popular. About a year before he died, a young girl was brought to him troubled with a humour or glandular swelling in her neck: the anxious mother dreaded the scrofula, which she called by the ancient name of King's Evil. She asked him if it was not the king's evil, and feared he would answer in the affirmative. The General replied, "king's evil, king's evil! I know of none who have the king's evil, but *tories*." This answer excited a laugh, dispelled her fears, and produced a good effect. Many such witticisms were interspersed through his whole life, which, if collected, would make his biography very entertaining. Many sayings, infinitely more witty than this, are within the knowledge of the writer, but to record them would surpass the limits of this sketch.

General Peabody had a taste for the science of law, and this, together with considerable discrimination and critical acumen, no doubt, served to make him, as he certainly was, an able and leading legislator. He wrote a fair easy hand, and long experience rendered him a safe and skillful draftsman. In his habits he was regular and correct; he ate and drank but little, and that of the best; seldom slept more than four or five hours, often not over two, and those the latter part of the night. A very respectable and intelligent gentleman, to whom the writer is indebted for many of the views and expressions contained in this notice, remarks, "I have had some acquaintance with the late General Peabody, about

forty years, and I always considered him a cheerful, sociable, witty and friendly man. He was generous, noble spirited and honorable."

In his friendships, General Peabody was generous, sincere and constant; never deserting his friends in the hour of need. The unjust treatment General Sullivan received from Congress in the revolution, is matter of history, and it is but just, that the character of General Peabody should be honored with the following tribute from a man so universally esteemed, and respected, as his friend General Sullivan. "I am much indebted for the part you have ever taken respecting me, and the opinion you have been pleased to form of my public conduct, and hope no future transaction of my life will compel you to alter your sentiments." Just after this, General Peabody wrote him, "I am now going to head quarters, and thence shall proceed to New-Hampshire, and shall be happy to have it in my power to serve you in person or estate. If you think of a single act wherein I can be beneficial to either, you will please to command," &c.

He was a patron of enterprise and merit, and several young men were indebted to him for liberal educations, and their subsequent prosperity. A mind like General Peabody's was calculated for great changes in popularity and fortune. This was verified in his biography; great and sudden variations in his ambitious schemes, variegated his walk through this stage of existence. These changes in early life served to steel his mind against vicissitudes, and made him a more able general in avoiding or recovering from them. They did not, however, sour his temper, and cloud his intellect. He endeavored to enjoy life himself, and, by his pleasantry, make his friends happy. His mental powers were but little impaired by age. The anguish of sickness and disease he bore with fortitude, and was rarely heard to complain, till attacked with that complication of most excruciating disorders, which, after two or three weeks, terminated his earthly career on Saturday, June 27, 1823.

On a candid review of all the transactions and peculiar circumstances of General Peabody's long life, from his cradle to his grave, we are impelled to the conclusion, that he was an useful citizen, an enlightened politician, and in times of

trial and danger, as well as in the halcyon days of peace and prosperity, a firm and ardent friend to his country. When the waves of time shall have rolled over the present generation, and washed away the last trace of prejudice and enmity from his character, who will venture to predict, that he will not be placed by grateful posterity in the bright and glorious constellation of revolutionary worthies, and with his compatriots and friends, the illustrious Weare, Bartlett, Sullivan, and Langdon; Lee, Laurens, Greene, Matthews, Gerry, and Schuyler, shine with unclouded lustre, through long ages of American freedom and glory?

TOPSFIELD IN 1828.

FROM SPOFFORD'S GAZETTEER, NEWBURYPORT, 1828.

"Topsfield, post-town, Essex co. 21 miles north east of Boston. Incor. Oct. 18, 1650, and contains 866 inhabitants. Bounded N. E., by Ipswich, N. W. by Boxford, E. by Hamilton, S. E. by Wenham, S. W. by Danvers. This is a handsome and pleasant town. The surface is undulating, rising into large swells and sinking into deep vallies. Ipswich river at this place, a stream several rods in width, and bordered with rich intervals and fine meadows, occupies the principal valley. The Newburyport turnpike passes this town half a mile south east of the meeting house. It passes over some of the largest hills in the town, and is little travelled. There is also a large road from Haverhill to Salem through the centre of the town; on each of these roads a stage passes daily. Over Ipswich river on the turnpike, is an expensive bridge, elevated on stone abutments, 30 feet above the river; on the old road just above is another bridge, 70 or 80 feet in length. An academy was opened here May 7, 1828, and has about 30 students, under the care of Mr. Francis Vose, A. M. There is a handsome congregational meeting house, situated on a fine and level common, around which are several handsome dwelling houses. The people here are mostly supported by farming. There are several

mechanics, and shoes are made for foreign markets. The farm houses and buildings are good, and there are two or three handsome country seats in this town."

TOPSFIELD IN 1836.

FROM NEWHALL'S ESSEX MEMORIAL, SALEM, 1836.

"Topsfield affords every inducement for the devotee of rural life to pitch his tent within its borders; the landscape, however, presents few striking features to aid the conjurations of the romancer. The soil is good, and the inhabitants receive their chief support from agriculture. Ipswich river crosses the town, and passes for a long distance along the border, having upon its margin some rich interval and fine meadows. Newburyport turnpike passes a short distance southeast of the meetinghouse.

The population in 1810 was 815; in 1820, 866; in 1830, 1,011. Ratable Polls, 250.

Town Clerk—Jacob Towne.

Town Treasurer—Joel Lake.

Selectmen—Jacob Towne, David Towne, William Hubbard, Samuel Bradstreet, William Cummins.

Physicians.—Nehemiah Cleaveland, R. A. Merriam, Jeremiah Stone.

Justice of the Peace and Quorum.—Nehemiah Cleaveland.

Justices of the Peace.—Jacob Towne, Benjamin C. Perkins, R. A. Merriam, Alfred W. Pike.

Postmaster.—Nehemiah Cleaveland.

The Orthodox Congregational Church was formed Nov. 1663; but there was preaching here as early as 1643.

There is also a Methodist society here, formed in 1830. They have been without a stated preacher much of the present season.

Topsfield Academy.—This institution is in a flourishing condition. Pupils, about 35. *Preceptor*, A. W. Pike.

The number of School Districts is 4. Number of scholars between the ages of 4 and 16, 200. School tax \$500. About \$650 are paid annually for instruction in Academies, &c.

Military.—One company of infantry of the line. *Captain*, E. S. Bixby. *Lieutenant*, L. H. Gould. *Ensign*, H. Wildes, Jr.

Social Library.—This library was organized in 1794. Number of volumes, 200.

Stages.—Several stages pass through the town daily for Boston, and other places.

Alms House.—Keeper, Thomas Gould. Number of subjects, 11.

Public Houses.—There are two public houses, one kept by Mrs. Susan Cummins, the other by John Rea.

Manufacture.—Shoemaking is the principal business of the town, with the exception of farming.

Stores.—There are three stores—dry goods and groceries.

Dwellings.—There are 125 dwellings.

Valuation.—The State valuation was in 1811, \$195,580 67. In 1821, \$341,853 33. In 1831, \$361,022 08.

Post Office.—The post office yields to government about \$50.

Territory.—The whole township contains 7828 acres."

DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS IN 1663.

Here is the names of those that have not paid to the Towne charges, the building the Meeting House and ministers house and other Towne charges.

Topsfield 19th 12^{mo} 1663.

Tho Avery	9:0	Thomas Fiske	} Bass River 3:19:0 men
Mr Bradstreet	2:03:6	Mr Charles Gote	
Francis Bates	8:10	Richard Kimball	2:8
Anthoone Carell	15:0	Richard Kimball	7:6
Samuel Cuttler	3:06:0	Thomas Putnam	10:0
Mr Endicott (Govr)	3:02:0	Nathaniel "	4:0
Tho Hobes	3:03:0	John "	2:02:6
John How	15:0	Farmer (John) Porter	2:10:0
Mr William Perkins	2:09:4	Samuel Perley	} 2:10:0
Luke Wakely	10:0	Thomas "	
James Waters	6:8	John Poland	2:0
Goodman Blacke Sr	2:0	William Rainment	2:0
Zacheus Curtis	1:10:0	Joseph Rootes	2:0
Mr Hubard	2:0	Robard Smith	1:0:0

John Gould in the name of the Selectmen.

THE UNITED STATES DIRECT TAX OF 1798,
AS ASSESSED ON TOPSFIELD.

COPIED BY HARRIET S. TAPLEY.

The returns made for Topsfield, in accordance with the law imposing a Direct Tax, which was levied by the United States government in 1798, contain a variety of statistical information, valuable alike to the historian and genealogist.

The originals are now in the custody of the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston, and were compiled on Oct. 1, 1798, by the following committee, which was appointed for the district of Topsfield, Danvers and Middleton:

Samuel Page, Principal Assessor.

Joseph Osborn, jr., Assistant Assessor.

Daniel Putnam, " "

Eleazer Putnam, " "

Nathaniel Hammond, " "

Daniel Fuller, " "

ACKLEY, JOSEPH, of Reading, Vt., owner, Asa Foster, occupant. Meadow, W. on great brook, 2 a., 80 p., value, \$32.50. Pasture, N., on heirs of Abraham Foster, 3 a., 139 p., value, \$65.

ACKLEY, JOSEPH, of Reading, Vt., owner, Thomas Emery, occupant. Tillage and pasture, E. on road, 27 a., 60 p., value, \$412; $\frac{1}{2}$ barn, 26x28, value, \$40.

ANDREWS, DOROTHY, AS DOWER, AND JOSEPH, owners. Widow Dorothy, Ephraim, and Joseph Andrews, occupants. S. by County road. Wooden dwelling.

NOTE:—p. is an abbreviation for pole; i.e. a rod.

Land, 80 p.; house, 860 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 13 windows; 59 sq. ft. glass; value, \$290.

ANDREWS, WIDOW DOROTHY, occupant and owner. Tillage, N. W. by Moses Wildes, N. E. by Ephraim Wildes and heirs of Elisha Wildes, S. E. by Ephraim Andrews, 8 a., value, \$200, $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 28x28, included. Tillage, N. E. by road, 1 a., value, \$22. Sheep pasture, 4 a., value, \$64. Brook meadow, S. W. by brook, 2 a., value, \$28. River meadow, N. E. by river, 2 a., value, \$38. Lot in Bunker's meadow, N. W. by David Perkins, 1 a., value, \$15. Hassocky meadow, 2 a., value, \$24.

ANDREWS, EPHRAIM, occupant and owner. Tillage, N. W. by Moses Wildes; $\frac{1}{2}$ corn barn, 15x22; 3 a., 40 p., value, \$75. Pasture, N. W. by Ephraim Wildes, 120 p., value, \$13.50. Same, 1 a., 80 p., value, \$27. Brook meadow, W. by brook, 120 p., value, \$12. Bunker's meadow, 1 a., value, \$15. Hassocky meadow, 120 p., value, \$9.

ALDREWS, JACOB, of Boxford, occupant and owner. Meadow bought of Joseph Gould, 2 a., 80 p., value, \$25.50.

ANDREWS, JOSEPH, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by road, N. by Moses Wildes and Ephraim Andrews, N. E. and E. by Widow Dorothy Andrews and Ephraim Andrews; $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 28x28; barn 20x16; $\frac{1}{2}$ corn barn 15x22; 12 a., 80 p., value, \$242.50. Pasture, N. E. by road, S. E. by Widow Dorothy Andrews and heirs of Elisha Wildes and Jacob Towne, S. W. by Jacob Towne, N. W. by Thomas Emerson, 10 a., 100 p., value, \$160. Brook meadow, S. W. by brook, 3 a., value, \$42. Hassocky meadow, 4 a., 80 p., value, \$56. Another of same, 3 a., 80 p., value, \$43.50. Maple swamp lot, 3 a., value, \$57.

AVERELL, DANIEL, AND DANIEL, JR., AND SOLOMON, occupants and owners. Farm, S. W. by brook and Elisha Perkins, N. W. by road, N. E. by Isaac Averell and others, S. E. by Nathaniel Averell, 34 a., value, \$325. Old house, 40x20, value, \$80. East half of house. $\frac{1}{3}$ barn, the third being 11x28, value, \$20. River meadow and upland, E. by Ipswich river, 16 a., value, \$214. Tillage and mowing land, S. and W. by Jacob Averell, 2 a., 80 p., value, \$30. Meadow and upland, called Point of Ridge, 1 a., value, \$9.

AVERELL, ELIJAH, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. N. on County road, E. on Thomas Perkins, jr., S. and W. by his other land.

Land, 80 p.; house, 837 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 14 windows; 56 sq. ft. glass; value, \$220.

AVERELL, ELIJAH, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Zaccheus Gould, W. by John Gould and Rev. Asahel Huntington, N. by Thomas Emerson and County road, E. by his house lot; barn 30x28; 48 a., 120 p., value, \$659. River meadow, E. by Ipswich river, 2 a., value, \$38. Woodland on Averell's Island, S. by Isaac Averell, 2 a., value, \$26.

AVERELL, ISAAC, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides on his other land.

Land, 80 p.; house, 1064 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 16 windows; 105 sq. ft. glass; value, \$220.

AVERELL, ISAAC, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Jacob Averell and others, W. by heirs of Joseph Andrews, N. by Daniel Boardman, Daniel Towne, and Asa Perkins, E. by Abraham Hobbs and others; barn 60x30; cornbarn 16x14; 119 a., 80 p., value, \$1275. Woodland and meadow, E. by Ipswich river, S. by brook, 24 a., value, \$425. Hill pasture, 16 a., value, \$294.

AVERELL, JACOB, occupant and owner. Farm, N. E. by Isaac Averell, S. E. by John Baker and others, S. W. by Nathaniel Averell and others, N. W. by land set off to Widow Priscilla Averell, 14 a., value, \$167. West $\frac{1}{2}$ of old house, \$12, including $\frac{2}{3}$ barn, 23x28. Tract of Hassocky meadow, 7 a., 120 p., value, \$90.50. River meadow, E. by Ipswich river, 1 a., value, \$19. Woodland at Averell's Island, 1 a., value, \$13.

AVERELL, NATHANIEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides by my other land.

Land, 80 p.; house, 1216 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 10 windows; 49 sq. ft. glass; value, \$220.

AVERELL, NATHANIEL, occupant and owner. Farm, N. W. by Moses Bradstreet and heirs of Jacob Averell, and by Joseph Averell, N. E. by Joseph Averell and others, S. E. by Samuel Bradstreet, S. W. by Robert Perkins, jr., and Solomon Dodge; barn 54x24; shop 18x15; 63 a., 80 p., value, \$687. River meadow, E. by Ipswich river, 4 a., 80 p., value,

\$83. Another lot of same, 2 a., value, \$38. Hassocky meadow, 4 a., value, \$52. Another lot of same, 2 a., value, \$26. Woodland on Averell's Island, 6 a., 80 p., value, \$52.

AVERELL, NATHANIEL PERKINS, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides on my other land.

Land, 80 p.; house 800 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 9 windows; 31 sq. ft. glass; value, \$120.

AVERELL, NATHANIEL PERKINS, occupant and owner. Farm, W. by Pye brook, N. W. by Ephraim and Joseph Dorman, E. by Jacob Symonds and Ezekiel Potter, jr., S. by Jacob Symonds; barn 52x30; 93 a., value, \$1350.

AVERELL, WIDOW SARAH, occupant and owner. Meadow and upland, S. W. by Sarah Clarke, N. W. by County road, 7 a., 80 p., value, \$200.

BAKER, JOHN, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. E. by County road and on all other sides by my other land.

Land, 80 p.; house, 962 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 25 windows; 212 sq. ft. glass; value \$420.

BAKER, JOHN, occupant and owner. Farm, S. E. by Nehemiah Cleaveland, S. W. by Thomas Perkins, jr., N. W. by Samuel Hood, N. E. by Samuel Hood and Nehemiah Cleaveland, 12 a., 80 p., value, \$450, including barn 51x27, and barn 30x18, shop 12x10. Hill pasture, 16 a., value, \$400. Hassocky meadow, 4 a., value, \$54. Another lot of same, 4 a., value, \$54.

BALCH, DANIEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. N. E. on County road, S. E. and S. W. on John Dwinell and John Rea, N. W. on John Peabody.

Land 80 p.; house 700 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 13 windows; 68 sq. ft. glass; value, \$250.

BALCH, DAVID, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. and W. by County road.

Land 80 p.; house 844 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 16 windows; 67 sq. ft. glass; value, \$280.

BALCH, DAVID, occupant and owner. Farm, S. W. by County road, N. W. by Nehemiah Cleaveland, N. E. by Joshua Balch, S. E. by Zebulon Perkins and John Balch, S. W. by Joseph Cree; barn 53x23; 14 a., 80 p., value, \$352. Tillage and pasture, N. E. on County road, 10 a., value, \$170. River pasture, 15 a., value, \$255.

BALCH, JOHN, occupant and owner. Farm, S. on road, W. on Roger Balch, N. on heirs of Asa Bradstreet, E. on Roger Balch; barn 64x28; shop; 80 a., value, \$125. Hill pasture, 18 a., value, \$330. Rea pasture, 9 a., value, \$162. Tillage and pasture, E. and S. on heirs of Asa Bradstreet, 24 a., value, \$432. Tan pit orchard, 3 a., value, \$69. Tillage and meadow, S. E. and S. W. on road, N. W. on Joseph Cree, 10 a., value, \$230.

BALCH, JOSHUA, occupant and owner. Farm, S. W. by road, N. W. by houselot and Thomas Balch, N. E. by David Balch, S. E. by Balch; $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 27x28; 4 a., 120 p., value, \$166. River meadow, N. E. by Ipswich river, 5 a., value, \$90. Bixby pasture, 16 a., 80 p., value, \$272. Meadow and upland, N. W. by Nehemiah Cleaveland, and N. E. by Thomas Balch, 7 a., value, \$154.

BALCH, ROGER AND JOHN, occupants and owners. Wooden dwelling, S. on County road.

Land, 80 p.; house 1352 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 28 windows; 280 sq. ft. glass; value, \$620.

BALCH, ROGER, occupant and owner. Farm, S. E. on County road, S. W. by road, W., N. and N. E., on heirs of Asa Bradstreet; barn 54x24; 3 a., 80 p., value, \$140. Tillage, S. E. on John Bradstreet, jr., 4 a., value, \$100. Pasture called tan pit, 10 a., value, \$180. Tillage and pasture said Balch bought of Henry Bradstreet, 16 a., value, \$272. Plain meadow, 2 a., value, \$44. Orchard, S. E. on County road, 80 p., value, \$25. Tillage, pasture and mowing land, Hill farm, 30 a., value, \$750, including $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 26x28. River meadow, N. E. on Ipswich river, 6 a., value, \$100.

BALCH, ROGER AND JOHN, occupants, Samuel Balch, owner. Pasture, E. on Phineas Putnam and others, 15 a., value, \$270.

BALCH, ROGER, and Daniel Perkins, jr., owners. Dominick Moore, occupant. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides by their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 856 sq. ft.; 1 story; 15 windows; 48 sq. ft. glass; value, \$130.

BALCH, SAMUEL, owner. David Perkins, jr., and John Bradstreet, jr., occupants. Tillage and pasture, E. on Daniel Esty and others, 16 a., value, \$320.

BALCH, THOMAS AND JOSHUA, occupants and owners. Wooden dwelling. S. W. by road and on all other sides on their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1200 sq. ft.; woodhouse 266 sq. ft.; woodhouse 168 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 19 windows; 91 sq. ft. glass; value, \$300.

BALCH, THOMAS, occupant and owner. Farm, S. W. by Ipswich river, N. W. by Henry Bradstreet and Joseph Cree, and N. E. by David Balch, S. E. by Joshua Balch; $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 39 x 28; tan house 20x12; 4 a., 120 p., value, \$214. River meadow, N. E. by Ipswich river, 5 a., value, \$90. Tarbox pasture, 20 a., value, \$360. Little pasture, 5 a., value, \$90. Meadow and upland, N. W. by Nehemiah Cleaveland, 7 a., value, \$154.

BATCHELDER, AMOS, of Wenham, occupant and owner. River meadow, N. W. on Ipswich river, 4 a., value, \$80.

BATCHELDER, JOHN, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling, S. by mill pond and on all other sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1408 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 10 windows; 61 sq. ft. glass; value, \$125.

BATCHELDER, JOHN, occupant and owner. Farm, S. W. by mill brook, N. W. by County road, S. and E. by Nathaniel Foster, S. E. by Jacob Peabody; barn 50x28; 69 a., 80 p., value, \$1100.

BATCHELDER, JOHN, JR., AND JOSEPH, occupants and owners. Bounded on all sides on their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1200 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 19 windows; 97 sq. ft. glass; value, \$400.

BATCHELDER, JOHN, JR., AND JOSEPH, occupants and owners. Farm, N. W. and N. E. by brook, E. and S. by County road and John Merriam, W. by same; barn 70x30; 109 a., 80 p., value, \$1650.

BIXBY, BENJ., occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. by County road and on all other sides on my other land.

Land 80 p.; house 916 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 13 windows; 63 sq. ft. glass; value, \$160.

BIXBY, BENJ., occupant and owner. Farm, S. by brook, W. by road, N. by Boxford line, E. by John Hood, 62 a., value, \$739, including barn 50x28. Pasture, N. E. by Pritchard's pond, 5 a., value, \$25.

BIXBY, DANIEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1200 sq. ft.; outhouse 200 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 27 windows; 187 sq. ft. glass; value, \$700.

BIXBY, DANIEL, occupant and owner. Farm, E. on County road, S. by Thomas Emerson and others, W. by Benj. Pike and Elijah Gould, N. on Ipswich river, N. E. by John Balch and others; barn 72x28; cider mill house 41x32; 116 a., 80 p., value, \$2679.50. Corn barn 13x20. Hartland meadow, 8 a., value, \$160. Sticky meadow, 4 a., value, \$72. Another lot in same, 2 a., value, \$30.

BRADSTREET, ASA, heirs, owners. Daniel Perkins, jr., occupant. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 900 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 12 windows; 60 sq. ft. glass; value, \$130.

BRADSTREET, ASA, heirs, owners. Daniel Perkins, jr., occupant. Farm, E. on Roger Balch and John Balch, S. on County road, W. on Daniel Bixby, N. on John Balch and Thomas Balch and others; barn 51x28; 21 a., 133 p., value, \$470. River meadow, N. W. on road, 2 a., 120 p., value, \$65. Sticky meadow, 2 a., value, \$36. Schoolhouse pasture, 4 a., value, \$68. Pasture, E. on Elijah Gould, 9 a., value, \$117.

BRADSTREET, DUDLEY. Barn 112x26; corn barn 28x20; 87 a., 80 p., value, \$2210. River meadow, N. by John Bradstreet and Solomon Dodge, E. by Billy Emerson, 14 a., value, \$280. Woodlot on Pine Island, 6 a., value, \$100.

BRADSTREET, HENRY, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 684 sq. ft.; 1 story; 10 windows; 33 sq. ft., glass; value, \$130.

BRADSTREET, HENRY, occupant and owner. Farm, N. W. by Eleazer Lake and Robert Lake, N. E. by Nehemiah Cleaveland, S. E. by Nehemiah Cleaveland and Thomas Balch, S. W. by Ipswich river; barn 50x26; 39 a., 80 p., value, \$948. Pasture, W. by County road, N. by David Cummings, 4 a., 40 p., value, \$96.50.

BRADSTREET, JOHN AND DUDLEY, occupants and owners. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides on said Bradstreets' other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1030 sq. ft.; woodhouse 435 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 19 windows; 93 sq. ft. glass; value, \$290.

BRADSTREET, JOHN AND DUDLEY, occupants and owners. Farm, S. on Ipswich river and Samuel Bradstreet, W. by Samuel Bradstreet, N. by brook, E. by Robert and Amos Perkins; barn 62x30; 67 a., 80 p., value, \$1321. Woodlot on Pine Island, 3 a., 136 p., value, \$50.

BRADSTREET, JOHN, JR., occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. W. by road and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 924 sq. ft.; 1 story; 18 windows; 104 sq. ft. glass; value, \$300.

BRADSTREET, JOHN, JR., occupant and owner. Farm, N. E. and S. E. on County road, S. W. on Ipswich river, N. W. by Thomas Balch and Roger Balch; barn 42x28; 14 a., 80 p., value, \$430. Pasture, E. by Ipswich river, 16 a., value, \$288. Pasture, N. W. by road, 5 a., value, \$65. River meadow, N. and E. by Samuel Bradstreet, 4 a., value, \$80.

BRADSTREET, MOSES, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. by road and on all other sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1178 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 18 windows; 99 sq. ft. glass; value, \$250.

BRADSTREET, MOSES, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Nathaniel Averell, S. W. and W. by Solomon Dodge, Moses Wildes, and heirs of Elisha Wildes, N. by Ephraim Wildes, E. by Solomon Dodge, and brook; barn 55x28; 95 a., 80 p., value, \$909. Hill pasture, 11 a., value \$198.

BRADSTREET, SAMUEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. by road and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1200 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 23 windows; 234 sq. ft. glass; value, \$480.

BRADSTREET, SAMUEL, occupant and owner. Farm, S. E. by Ipswich river, S. W. by Nathaniel Hammond and others, N. W. by Robert Perkins, jr., and Nathaniel Averell.

BRICKETT, DEBORAH, HEIRS OF, of Haverhill, owners. Asa Foster, occupant. Pasture, N. on road, 6 a., 80 p., value, \$110.50.

BRICKETT, DEBORAH, HEIRS OF, of Haverhill, owners. Joseph Cree, occupant. Meadow, W. on great brook, 2 a., 80 p., value, \$35.

BOARDMAN, DANIEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. on a road and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 984 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 17 windows; 71 sq. ft. glass; value, \$250.

BOARDMAN, DANIEL, occupant and owner. Farm, N. W. and N. by Jacob Peabody and County road, N. E. by Daniel Towne, Asa Perkins, and Isaac Averell, S. E. by Isaac Averell and Joseph Andrews, S. by mill brook and road; old barn 62x28; barn 28x20. Tillage, pasture and mowing he bought of Oliver Perkins; barn 40x26; 30 a., value, \$660.

BROWN, EBENEZER, of Danvers, owner. Cornelius Cree, occupant. Wooden dwelling. N. by County road, and on all other sides on Brown's land. Land 80 p.; house 750 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 11 windows; 47 sq. ft. glass; value, 120.

BROWN, EBENEZER, of Danvers, owner. Cornelius Cree, occupant. Farm, N. on road, E. on Thomas Tenney and others, 21 a., 80 p., value, \$340, including barn 32x24.

BROWN, OLIVER, of Boxford, occupant and owner. Meadow, S. on road, 2 a., 120 p., value, \$37.50. Pasture, N. by road, 25 a., value, \$200.

BROWN, STEPHEN, of Ipswich, occupant and owner. Woodland, N. by Josiah Lamson, 2 a., value, \$18.

CLARK, JACOB, occupant and owner. Pasture, S. E. by Ipswich river; 17 a., value, \$140.

CLARKE, ANNA, owner, heirs of Moses Averell, occupants. Pasture, S. E. by County road, S. W. by Israel Clarke; 17 a., value, \$260.

CLARKE, ISRAEL, occupant and owner. Tillage and mowing, S. by Benj. Hobbs, W. by mill pond, N. by Widow Ruth Clarke, E. by Anna Clarke and Samuel Clarke; 2 a., value, \$170. $\frac{2}{3}$ of old house; $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ x28; tan house and yard 25x25, value, \$20.

CLARKE, WIDOW RUTH, occupant and owner. Tillage and mowing, S. E. by Israel Clarke, S. W. by mill brook, N. W. by Daniel Perkins, N. E. by Daniel Perkins and Anna Clarke; 8 a., value, \$176. $\frac{1}{3}$ old house; $\frac{1}{2}$ barn, value, \$10. Plains hill pasture, 31 a., value, \$440. River meadow, N. W. by County road; 3 a., value, \$60.

CLARKE, SAMUEL, minor, and son to Israel, deceased, owner, Asa Perkins, occupant. Tillage, N. W. by County road, N. E. by Widow Ruth Clarke; 7 a., 80 p., value, \$200.

CLEAVELAND, NEHEMIAH, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. N. E. on County road and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1530 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 39 windows; 235 sq. ft. glass; value, \$650.

CLEAVELAND, NEHEMIAH, occupant and owner. Farm, S. E. by Nathaniel Hammond and others, S. W. by road and Henry Bradstreet, N. W. by Henry Bradstreet and others and County road, N. E. by Thomas Emerson and Jacob Towne; barn 40x38; barn 54x24; shop 30x15; 63 a., 80 p., value, \$1460.50. Small one story house, value, \$55.

CONANT, JOHN, JR., occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E. on highway, on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1042 sq. ft.; 1 story; 15 windows; 76 sq. ft. glass; value, \$150.

CONANT, JOHN, JR., occupant and owner. Farm, E. and S. on Jacob Towne, jr., W. and N. on Nathaniel Fiske. Barn 32x28; 4 a., 80 p., value, \$120. Tillage and pasture, E. on road; 7 a., value \$140.

CONANT, JOHN, JR., *see also* Peabody, John.

CONANT, MOSES, of Topsfield, occupant and owner. Woodland, S. on Dudley Wildes; 6 a., value, \$60.

CREE, CORNELIUS, *see* Brickett, Deborah.

CREE, JOSEPH, occupant and owner. Farm, S. W. and W. by County road, N. E. and E. by David Balch and John Balch, S. E. by John Balch; 9 a., value, \$180. Small house, 1 story, value, \$50. Mowing land he bought of Cornelius Cree, 4 a., value, \$96.

CREE, JOSEPH, *see also* Brickett, Deborah.

CREE, WIDOW MARTHA, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E. by County road, S. on Daniel Balch, W. and N. by Cree's other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1200 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 14 windows; 65 sq. ft. glass; value, \$160.

CREE, MARTHA, owner, Widow Martha Cree and Joseph Cree occupants. Farm, N. E. by County road, S. E. by David Balch, S. W. by David Balch, Joseph Cree and Nehemiah

Cleaveland, N. W. by Nehemiah Cleaveland; barn 50x28; 14 a., 80 p., value, \$290. Pasture, called the lot, 5 a., 80 p., value, \$93.50. Plains meadow, 1 a., 80 p., value, \$33.

CREE, STEPHEN, *see* Emerson, Thomas.

CUMMINGS, DAVID, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides on my other land.

Land 80 p.; house 2254 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 37 windows; 215 sq. ft. glass; value, \$700.

CUMMINGS, DAVID, occupant and owner. Farm, S. W. by County road, N. W. by Betty Towne and Lydia Towne, and County road, N. E. by Ephraim Towne and others, S. E. by Samuel and Elijah Perkins and others; barn 96x30; corn barn and cider house 34x24; shop 14x14; 161 a., 80 p., value, \$35.53. Meadow, S. by brook, 4 a., value, \$60. Meadow in Danvers, S. by Joseph Dale; 2 a., value, \$70. Woodland in Middleton, S. by Elias Wilkins; 5 a., value, \$100. Same, S. by Richard Thomas; 4 a., value, \$72.

CUMMINGS, ELIJAH, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E. by a road, and on all other parts by Joseph Cummings.

Land, 16 p.; house 780 sq. ft.; 1 story; 10 windows; 63 sq. ft. glass; value, \$130.

CUMMINGS, ELIJAH, occupant and owner. Farm, W. by road, N. by Thomas Cummings, E. by Joseph Cummings and others, S. and S. W. by Joseph Cummings; barn 36x30; 20 a., value, \$360. Upland and meadow he bought of Pelatiah Cummings; 22 a., value, \$340.

CUMMINGS, JONAS, occupant and owner. Farm, N. by Thomas Cummings, E. by Josiah Lamson, Joseph Goodhue, and Jude Goodhue, S. and W. by road; 30 a., value, \$720. Small house, 1 story; part of old barn 30x26; shop 11x9; value, \$60.

CUMMINGS, JONATHAN, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. W. and N. by a road, E. and S. by Joseph Cummings.

Land 4 p.; house 640 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 8 windows; 55 sq. ft. glass, value, \$120.

CUMMINGS, JONATHAN, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Ipswich river and Joseph Cummings, N. by Thomas Cummings, E. by Joseph Cummings, S. E. by Joseph Cummings and Elijah Cummings; barn 36x30; 40 a., value, \$717.

CUMMINGS, JOSEPH, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. W. by a road and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1692 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 14 windows; 60 sq. ft. glass; value, \$200.

CUMMINGS, JOSEPH, occupant and owner. Farm, N. by Elijah Cummings, E. by Reuben Smith, S. by Edw. Lamson and Reuben Smith, W. by road and Jonathan Cummings, N. W. by Thomas Cummings; barn 54x28; corn barn and cider house 36x13; 50 a., 80 p., value, \$940. Upland and meadow, W. by Ipswich river; 20 a., value, \$400. Vinson's meadow, 6 a., value, \$60.

CUMMINGS, THOMAS, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. N. on highway and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1200 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 27 windows; 180 sq. ft. glass; value, \$580.

CUMMINGS, THOMAS, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Joseph Cummings, W. by Ipswich river, N. by Joseph Lamson and Jonas Cummings, E. by Jonas Cummings and John Goodhue; barn 40x30; part of old barn 26x26; cider house 24x14; corn barn 16x14; 83 a., 80 p., value, \$1900. River meadow, E. by Elijah Cummings; 12 a., value, \$240.

DEXTER, RICHARD, HEIRS, owners, Widow Mehitable Dexter and John Butman, occupants. Wooden dwelling. S. by County road and on all other parts on the heirs land.

Land 80 p.; house 675 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 13 windows; 78 sq. ft. glass; value, \$320.

DEXTER, RICHARD, HEIRS, owners, Widow Mehitable Dexter and John Butman, occupants. Farm, S. W. on County road, N. W. on town road and by John Bradstreet, jr., E. by brook, S. by Jacob Kimball and others; barn 48x28; cider mill 29x21; 31 a., 80 p., value, \$750. Plain meadow; 2 a., value, \$44. Meadow and pasture, N. E. on Ipswich [river]; 30 a., value, \$690. Cow pasture, 12 a., value, \$216. Pasture, W. on John Balch, 5 a., value, \$85.

DODGE, JONATHAN, of Beverly, occupant and owner. Meadow, N. W. on Ipswich river; 5 a., value, \$100.

DODGE, JOHN, of Beverly, occupant and owner. Meadow, N. W. on Ipswich river; 5 a., value, \$100.

DODGE, SOLOMON, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. W. by road and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1092 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 23 windows; 150 sq. ft. glass; value, \$600.

DODGE, SOLOMON, occupant and owner. Farm, E. by Moses Bradstreet and Nathaniel Averell, S. by Robert Perkins, jr., and Zebulon and Elisha Perkins, W. by Jacob Towne, N. by Moses Bradstreet and Moses Wildes; barn 63x30; 66 a., value, \$1320, including corn barn 20x16; cider mill 29x20. River meadow, W. on John Bradstreet; 8 a., value, \$160. Brook meadow, W. on Ephraim Wildes; 3 a., value, \$48.

DORMAN, EPHRAIM AND JOSEPH, occupants and owners. Wooden dwelling. N. by road and on all other sides on their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 940 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 11 windows; 55 sq. ft. glass; value, \$180.

DORMAN, EPHRAIM AND JOSEPH, occupants and owners. Farm, W. by Thomas Emerson and County road, N. by Pritchard's pond, E. by Ezekiel Potter, Ipswich line and Nathaniel Foster, S. by Nathaniel Foster and others, and brook; barn 63x26; 197 a., 40 p., value, \$3650.75. Bunker's meadow; 2 a., 40 p., value, \$40.50.

DWINELL, JOHN, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E. on County road, and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 760 sq. ft.; chaise house 195 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 15 windows; 66 sq. ft. glass; value, \$260.

DWINELL, JOHN, occupant and owner. Farm, E. on Richard Hood, Nathaniel Fiske and others, S. W. on John Rea, N. on John Peabody; barn 46x30; old barn 36x19; 62 a., value, \$1488. Lot in Strap meadow, Danvers; 2 a., 80 p., value, \$27.50.

DWINELL, JOHN, AND JOHN REA, occupants and owners. Tillage, meadow and pasture they bought of John Lamson; barn 40x28; 22 a., value, \$550.

EMERSON, BILLY, occupant and owner. Woodland, W. by Reuben Smith; 4 a., 80 p., value, \$90. River meadow, W. by Samuel Bradstreet; 5 a., 80 p., value, \$100.

EMERSON, THOMAS, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. by Common, W. by County road and on all other sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1211 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 21 windows; 100 sq. ft. glass; value, \$350.

Wooden dwelling. W. by County road and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 486 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 7 windows; 25 sq. ft. glass; value, \$110.

EMERSON, THOMAS, owner. William Moneys, jr., occupant. Wooden dwelling. N. E. by parsonage, S. E. and S. by County road, N. W. and N. by Emerson.

Land 2 a.; house 560 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 3 windows; 10 sq. ft. glass; value, \$150.

EMERSON, THOMAS, owner. John LeFavour and Stephen Cree, occupants. Wooden dwelling. W. by road and on all other sides on Emerson's land.

Land 40 p.; house 699 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 14 windows; 66 sq. ft. glass; value, \$160.

EMERSON, THOMAS, occupant and owner. Farm, S. W. and S. by Common, W. by parsonage land and County road, N. E. by Jacob Symonds and others, S. E. by Jacob Towne and Nehemiah Cleaveland, S. W. by Nehemiah Cleaveland and Jacob Kimball; barn 80x30; barn 40x38; barn 36x26; barn 25x26; cider mill 30x26; shop 20x18; 73 a., 80 p., value, \$2367. Old house, 1 story, value, \$80. Clarke's and Gould's pasture; 53 a., value, \$400. Averell's pasture, 12 a., value, \$180. Bunker's meadow, 3 a., value, \$45. Same, 1 a., 80 p., value, \$27. Same, which he bought of John Peabody, 2 a., 40 p., value, \$40.50. Same, which he bought of John Balch, 2 a., 40 p., value, \$40.50. Plains meadow, 1 a., 80 p., value, \$33. Same, 12 a., value, \$264. Meadow by Rowley bridge, 3 a., value, \$54. Meadow in common with Daniel Gould, N. by river; 5 a., value \$36. Pasture, S. by Daniel Estey; 25 a., value, \$425. Mowing and pasture, called Towne's field, he bought of David Balch; 16 a., value, \$400. Farm called Adams farm, S. and W. by brook, N. by Hovey farm and road, E. by Ephraim and Joseph Dorman; barn 27x35; 69 a., 80 p., value, \$666.50.

EMERSON, THOMAS, owner. Ivory Hovey, occupant. Farm, S. and W. by brook, N. by road and Pritchard's pond; 60 a., value, \$625. Old house 40x26; barn 39x28; value, \$70.

EMERY, THOMAS, *see* Ackley, Joseph.

ESTEY, DANIEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. W. on Roger Balch and on all other sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 875 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 20 windows; 100 sq. ft. glass; value, \$350.

ESTEY, DANIEL, occupant and owner. Farm, E. on Martha Cree, S. on John Rea and others, S. W. on Thomas Emerson, W. on Rufus Putnam and others, N. on Samuel Balch and others; barn 62x26; 99 a., 80 p., value, \$2300.

FISKE, NATHANIEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. N. on road and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 908 sq. ft.; woodhouse 176 sq. ft.; 1 story; 14 windows; 53 sq. ft. glass; value, \$140.

FOSTER, ABRAHAM, of Salem, occupant and owner. Tillage and pasture, N. by Daniel Bixby; 10 a., 20 p., value, \$72.

FOSTER, AMOS, occupant and owner. Farm, E. on Abraham Foster and Thomas Emerson, S. on road, S. W. and N. W. on Ephraim Towne, S. on road and heirs of Abraham Foster, W. on great brook, N. on Andrew Nichols and others; 74 a., value, \$1160. Tillage and pasture, E. on road leading to Bunker's Meadow; 6 a., 140 p., value, \$137.50. Sticky meadow, 2 a., value, \$32. Meadow in Danvers; Strap meadow, 11 a., value, \$110.

FOSTER, AMOS AND ABRAHAM, HEIRS, owners, Widow Priscilla, Asa and Amos, occupants. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all parts on their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1440 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 28 windows; 122 sq. ft. glass; value, \$360.

FOSTER, ASA, *see* Ackley, Joseph. *See also* Brickett, Deborah.

FOSTER, NATHANIEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. W. by road, N. by Ipswich line, E. and S. by Foster's other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1350 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 18 windows; 90 sq. ft. glass; value, \$240.

FOSTER, NATHANIEL, occupant and owner. Farm, S. and S. W. by Jacob Symonds, W. by Ephraim and Joseph Dorman, N. by Ipswich line, E. by Dudley Wildes, S. E. by John Batchelder; barn 61x30; barn 30x24; 92 a., 80 p., value, \$1350.

FOSTER, PHINEAS, of Boxford, occupant and owner. Meadow, S. on fish brook; 1 a., 120 p., value, \$31.50.

FRIEND, JOHN, HEIRS, of Wenham, occupants and owners. Meadow, N. W. on Ipswich river; 5 a., value, \$100.

GOODHUE, JOSEPH AND JUDE, of Ipswich, occupants and owners. Pasture, S. by Thomas Cummings; 3 a., 80 p., value, \$63.

GOTT, DANIEL, HEIRS, owners, Jonathan Hobbs, of Wenham, occupant. $\frac{1}{2}$ tract meadow in common and undivided, N. E. by Ipswich river; 2 a., 80 p., value, \$50.

GOULD, ASA, occupant and owner. Farm, E. by Daniel Gould, S. by Joseph Gould and Zaccheus Gould, W. by Daniel Gould, N. by Nathaniel Gould; $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 18x28; 19 a., 80 p., value, \$273.50. Meadow, W. by fish brook; 2 a., value, \$36.

GOULD, ASA AND DANIEL, occupants and owners. Wooden dwelling. S. by road and on all other sides on their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 829 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 15 windows; 90 sq. ft. glass; value, \$290.

GOULD, DANIEL, owner, Daniel Gould, of Boxford, occupant. Meadow he bought of Benj. Goodrich; 2 a., value, \$36.

GOULD, DANIEL, owner, Samuel Gould, of Boxford, occupant. Farm, N. by Nathaniel Gould, E. by Joseph Gould and road; $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 18x28; 22 a., value, \$280. Meadow and pasture, N. by Nathaniel Gould; 25 a., value, \$320.

GOULD, ELIJAH, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. and W. by road, N. and E. by land of Simon and Elijah Gould.

Land 4 p.; house 1070 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 17 windows; 79 sq. ft. glass; value \$280.

GOULD, ELIJAH, occupant and owner. Farm, N. by road, E. by Simon Gould, jr., S. by Nathaniel Gould, W. by Boxford line; barn 40x28; 2 a., value, \$100. Tillage, W. by

Simon Gould, jr.; 5 a., value, \$90. River pasture, 18 a., value, \$360.

GOULD, JOHN, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. N. by County road, and on all sides by his other land.

Land 80 p; house 780 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 17 windows; 55 sq. ft. glass; value, \$200.

GOULD, JOHN, occupant and owner. Farm, N. by County road, E. by Elijah Averell, S. by Zaccheus Gould, W. by Joseph Gould and Joseph Gould, jr.; barn 50x24; 56 a., 80 p., value, \$880.

GOULD, JOHN, JR., occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E. and S. on road, W. by Joseph Gould, N. by Nathaniel Gould.

Land 80 p; house 798 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 13 windows; 72 sq. ft. glass; value, \$230.

GOULD, JOHN, JR., occupant and owner. Farm, E. by Rev. Asahel Huntington and Thomas Emerson, S. by his houselot, W. by Nathaniel Gould and County road, N. W. by Boxford line; barn 48x28; 49 a., 120 p., value, \$760.75. Upland and meadow near Rowley bridge, S. by Ipswich river; 9 a., 120 p., value, \$165.75.

GOULD, JOSEPH, occupant and owner. Farm, E. by John Gould, jr., and others, S. by Zaccheus Gould and others, W. by road and Daniel Gould, N. by Nathaniel Gould; barn 90x28; 61 a., 80 p., value, \$950.50. Meadow, W. by Fish brook; 2 a., value, \$36. River meadow, S. by Benj. Pike; 5 a., value, \$90.

GOULD, JOSEPH, JR., occupant and owner. Mowing and tillage, N. by road, E. by John Gould, S. and W. by Joseph Gould; 2 a., 80 p., value, \$42.50. Meadow, S. by Daniel Gould; 3 a., 80 p., value, \$63. Pasture, S. E. by road; 9 a., value, \$108.

GOULD, JOSEPH AND JOSEPH, JR., occupants and owners. Wooden dwelling. S. by road and on all other sides on their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1500 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 23 windows; 97 sq. ft. glass; value, \$380.

GOULD, MOSES, of Boxford, occupant and owner. Meadow he bought of John Gould; 1 a., 120 p., value, \$31.50.

GOULD, NATHANIEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. by road and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 684 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 12 windows; 54 sq. ft. glass; value, \$150.

GOULD, NATHANIEL, occupant and owner. Farm, N. by Simon Gould and Boxford line, E. by John Gould, jr., S. by John Gould, jr., and others, W. by Elijah Gould; barn 64x28; 35 a., 80 p., value, \$550. Meadow, S. by Fish brook; 4 a., value, \$72.

GOULD, SIMON, JR., occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E. by Elijah Gould, S. by road, W. by Elijah Gould, N. by his own land.

Land 80 p.; house 700 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 14 windows; 87 sq. ft. glass; value, \$280.

GOULD, SIMON, JR., occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Nathaniel and Joseph Gould, W. by Elijah Gould and road, N. by Boxford line, E. by Elijah and Nathaniel Gould; barn 60x28; cider mill house; 10 a., 80 p., value, \$220.50. Tillage and pasture, W. by Joseph Gould; 12 a., value, \$228. River meadow, W. by Ipswich river; 2 a., 80 p., value, \$45. Pasture called Colerain; 20 a., value, \$240.

GOULD, ZACCHEUS, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. on road and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 940 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 20 windows; 70 sq. ft. glass; outhouse 448 sq. ft.; 1 story; 6 windows; 29 sq. ft. glass; value, \$380.

GOULD, ZACCHEUS, occupant and owner. Farm, N. E. by Thomas Perkins, jr., E. by Nehemiah Cleaveland, Eleazer Lake and Robert Lake, S. by road, W. by Joseph Gould, N. by John Gould and Elijah Averell; barn 95x28; cider mill 40x20; shop 12x12; 65 a., 80 p., value, \$1419. Tillage and mowing, E. by Eleazer Lake and Robert Lake; 16 a., value, \$288. Upland and meadow, S. W. by Fish brook; 10 a., 80 p., value, \$178.50. Sticky meadow; 4 a., 80 p., value, \$81.

HAMMOND, NATHANIEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. E. by road and on all other sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1320 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 23 windows; 115 sq. ft. glass; value, \$230.

HAMMOND, NATHANIEL, occupant and owner. Farm, N. W. by Zebulon Perkins, N. E. and S. E. by Samuel and Elijah Perkins, S. W. by David Perkins; barn 66x32; 59 a., 80 p., value, \$1250. Upland and meadow; field, swamp and broad meadow; 13 a., value, \$250. Ox pasture, 12 a., value, \$222. Ditch lot, Bunker's meadow, 4 a., value, \$46. Same, 2 a., value, \$20. Long lot meadow, 2 a., value, \$34. Tillage and mowing, Webster's, 2 a., value, \$44. Little pasture in common with David Perkins, 3 a., 80 p., value, \$56. $\frac{2}{3}$ Webster's meadow in common with David Perkins, 1 a., value \$17. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot Birch Island in common with David Perkins, jr., 80 p., value, \$5.50.

HOBBS, ABRAHAM, owner. Abraham Hobbs and Abraham Hobbs, jr., occupants. Farm, E. by Benj. Hobbs and Ipswich river, S. by Daniel Towne, Asa Perkins and others, W. by Isaac Averell and others, N. by David Hobbs and County road; barn 52x30; 42 a., 80 p., value, \$500. Pasture on Paine's hill; 20 a., value, \$270. Meadow in common with Benj. Hobbs, N. by brook; 100 p., value, \$11.75. Cedar swamp in common with Benj. Hobbs; 40 p., value, \$1.50.

HOBBS, ABRAHAM, AND ABRAHAM, JR., occupants and owners. Wooden dwelling. N. by road and on all other sides by their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 800 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 13 windows; 79 sq. ft. glass; value, \$300.

HOBBS, BENJ., occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. by County road and on all other sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 960 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 14 windows; 94 sq. ft. glass; value, \$500.

HOBBS, BENJ., occupant and owner. Farm, N. E. by heirs of Israel Clarke, S. E. by Ipswich river, S. W. and W. by Abraham Hobbs and County road, N. W. and N. by David Hobbs and Daniel Perkins; barn 55x27; shop 20x18; corn mill and saw mill, with one saw; 8 a., 140 p., value, \$900. Meadow in common with Abraham Hobbs, N. by brook; 1 a., 140 p., value, \$35. Pasture and tillage on Paine's hill, 20 p., value, \$340. Cedar swamp in common with Abraham Hobbs, 120 p., value, \$4.50.

HOBBS, DAVID, occupant and owner. Wooden house. S. and W. by County road, N. on my other land, E. by Benj. Hobbs.

Land 80 p.; house 776 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 15 windows; 94 sq. ft. glass; value, \$210.

HOBBS, DAVID, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Benj. Hobbs and Abraham Hobbs, W. by Daniel Towne and Asa Perkins, N. by Daniel Perkins, E. by Benj. Hobbs; barn 33x28; blacksmith shop 30x20; 5 a., 57 p., value, \$100. Pasture and tillage, N. by road; 19 a., 80 p., value, \$200.

HOBBS, JONATHAN, *see* Gott, Daniel.

HOOD, BENJ., of Boxford, occupant and owner. Meadow he bought of John Baker; 6 a., value, \$66.

HOOD, JOHN, owner. John Hood and John Hood, jr., occupants. Wooden dwelling. E. by County road and on every other side on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 936 sq. ft.; 1 story; 11 windows; 48 sq. ft. glass; value, \$120.

HOOD, JOHN, occupant and owner. Farm, N. and E. by County road and Ipswich line, S. and W. by Benj. Bixby; barn 32x18; 15 a., 80 p., value, \$230.

HOOD, RICHARD, of Wenham, occupant and owner. Pasture, E. on John Conant, jr.; 20 a., value, \$360.

HOOD, SAMUEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E. by County road and on every other side on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 840 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 16 windows; 72 sq. ft. glass; value, \$160.

HOOD, SAMUEL, occupant and owner. Farm, E. by County road, S. by John Baker and Thomas Perkins, jr., W. by Thomas Perkins, jr., N. by Jacob Kimball; barn 30x26; 18 a., value, \$500. Meadow, W. by Moses Wildes; 3 a., value, \$48. Meadow, W. by Fish brook; 1 a., value, \$18.

HOVEY, IVORY, *see* Emerson, Thomas.

HUNTINGTON, REV. ASAHIEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. and W. by County road, N. by John Gould, jr., E. on Huntington's other land.

Land 80 p.; house and woodhouse 1264 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 23 windows; 146 sq. ft. glass; occupied by settled minister.

HUNTINGTON, REV. ASAHIEL, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by County road, W. by John Gould, jr., E. by Thomas

Emerson and Elijah Averell; barn 46x26; 49 a. Meadow, E. by road, 3 a. Parsonage land, 45 a. Exempt from taxation.

KIMBALL, JACOB, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. and W. by County road, N. by common, E. on Thos. Emerson.

Land 8 p.; house 1170 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 27 windows; 204 sq. ft. glass; value, \$750.

KIMBALL, JACOB, occupant and owner. Farm, E. by County road, S. and W. by Samuel Hood, N. by Thomas Perkins, jr.; 9 a., 80 p., value, \$300. Pasture called bare hill; 42 a., value, \$454. Another same; 10 a., value, \$120. Plains meadow; 6 a., value, \$150. Barn 52x28; shop 30x12.

KNEELAND, AARON, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. by road and on every other side on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1200 sq. ft.; 1 story; 17 windows; 83 sq. ft. glass; value, \$160.

KNEELAND, AARON, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Daniel Perkins, W. by brook, N. by Jabez Ross and others and the brook, N. E. and E. by Ipswich line; barn 30x30; 31 a., 80 p., value, \$464.

LAKE, ELEAZER, occupant and owner. Farm, N. by road, E. by Henry Bradstreet, S. and W. by John Gould, jr., N. W. by Zaccheus Gould, S. and W. by Robert Lake; part of barn 61x28; shop 15x10; shop 22x10; 33 a., 120 p., value, \$700. Tillage, N. and E. by Zaccheus Gould; 80 p., value, \$9. Pasture, N. W. and N. E. by Zaccheus Gould; 13 a., value, \$221. River meadow, N. by Ipswich river; 1 a., 40 p., value, \$22.50. River meadow he bought of Thomas Mason; 2 a., value, \$36. Meadow, S. W. by Fish brook; 1 a., value, \$18. Meadow by Rowley bridge, S. by Ipswich River; 3 a., 80 p., value, \$67.

LAKE, ELEAZER AND ROBERT, occupants and owners. Wooden dwelling. E. by Zaccheus Gould, S. by road.

Land 30 p.; house 1684 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 23 windows; 105 sq. ft. glass; value, \$380.

LAKE, ROBERT, occupant and owner. Farm, N. by road, E. and S. by Eleazer Lake, W. by Zaccheus Gould; part of barn 22x28; shop 15x9; 9 a., value, \$188. Tillage, S. by road; 80 p., value, \$9. Pasture, W. by road; 12 a., 80 p., value, \$212.50.

LAMSON, EDWARD, of Hamilton, occupant and owner. Meadow, N. by Jacob Symonds; 4 a., value, \$80.

LAMSON, JOSIAH, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. E. by road and on every other side by his other land.

Land 40 p.; house 672 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 14 windows; 92 sq. ft. glass; value, \$230. Wooden dwelling. S. E. by road, and on every other side by his other land.

Land 40 p.; house 1344 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 17 windows; 85 sq. ft. glass; value, \$200.

LAMSON, JOSIAH, occupant and owner. Farm, W. and N. by Ipswich river and County road, E. by Hamilton line, S. by Thomas and Jonas Cummings; barn 53x30; barn 22x30; cider house 24x18; cider house 19x15; shop 16x14; 143 a., 80 p., value, \$2520. Woodlot, W. by Isaac Averell; 6 a., value, \$132.

LEFAVOUR, JOHN, *see* Emerson, Thomas.

MERIAM, JOHN, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E., S. and W. on County road, N. on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1073 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 29 windows; 213 sq. ft. glass; value, \$700.

MERIAM, JOHN, occupant and owner. Farm, in common with Jonas Meriam, 70 a., in all, E. by County road, Daniel Perkins and land improved by Wm. Gallop, S. and S. W. by parsonage land, W. by Simon Gould, jr., and heirs of Samuel Brown, N. by road, N. E. by Jacob Kimball and graveyard; barn 30x20; 35 a., value, \$460. Tillage and pasture he bought of John Baker, N. by John and Joseph Batchelder; 11 a., 120 p., value, \$127.50.

MERIAM, JONAS, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E. on County road and on all sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 784 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 20 windows; 115 sq. ft. glass; value, \$480.

MERIAM, JONAS, occupant and owner. Farm, E. by County road, in common with John Meriam, Daniel Perkins and land improved by Wm. Gallop, S. and S. W. by parsonage land, W. by Simon Gould, jr., and heirs of Samuel Brown, N. by road, N. E. by Jacob Kimball and graveyard; 34 a., 80 p., value, \$510, including barn 36x28; shop 24x18.

MONEYS, WILLIAM, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by road, N. W. and N. by Stephen Perley, S. E. and S. by

Parker Brown and Stephen Perley; 11 a., value, \$110. Small house 1 story; barn 22x22; value, \$40.

MONEYS, WILLIAM, JR., *see* Emerson, Thomas.

MOORE, DOMINICK, *see* Balch, Roger. *See also* Perkins, Daniel, jr.

MOORE, THOMAS, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 675 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 10 windows; 43 sq. ft. glass; value, \$120.

MOORE, THOMAS, occupant and owner. Farm, E. on Jacob Towne and John Dwinnell, S. on Joseph Porter, W. on Nathaniel Fiske, N. on road; barn 40x28; 32 a., value, \$608. Meadow, N. on —, W. on Joshua Towne; 3 a., value, \$51.

PATCH, JAMES, of Hamilton, occupant and owner. Meadow, E. by Jacob Symonds, 11 a., value, \$220.

PEABODY, JACOB, owner. Jacob Peabody and Jacob Peabody, jr., occupants. Wooden dwelling. S. by road, and on every other side on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 730 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 9 windows; 40 sq. ft. glass; value, \$140.

PEABODY, JACOB AND JACOB, JR., occupants and owners. Farm, W. by Jacob Symonds, Asa Porter and County road, N. by John Batchelder, N. E. by Nathaniel Foster and others, S. E. by road and by Daniel Bordman, S. by Daniel Bordman and John Baker; barn 42x27; corn mill; 85 a., 80 p., value, \$1680.

PEABODY, JOHN, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. W. and N. by County road and every other side by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1189 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 21 windows; 129 sq. ft. glass; value, \$600.

PEABODY, JOHN, occupant and owner. Farm, E. on John Dwinnell, S. on Daniel Balch and others, W. on road and on John Balch, N. on Thomas Balch; barn 53x28; 58 a., value, \$1334. Woods pasture, 8 a., value, \$152. Rowley bridge meadow, 6 a., value, \$108. Farr meadow, 2 a., value, \$36. Plains meadow, 1 a., value, \$22. Meadow bought of John Lamson, 4 a., value, \$72.

PEABODY, JOHN, owner. John Conant, jr., occupant. Meadow, E. and S. on Joshua Towne; 2 a., value, \$34.

PEABODY, JOHN, JR., occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. on road and on all sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 650 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 14 windows; 62 sq. ft. glass; value, \$240.

PEABODY, JOHN, JR., occupant and owner. Farm, E. on John Batchelder and heirs of Richard Dexter, S. on road, W. on heirs of Richard Dexter, N. on Ipswich river; barn 42x32; 27 a., 80 p., value, \$680. Tillage, N. on road, 4 a., 80 p., value, \$99. Pasture, S. on road, 6 a., value, \$108. Plains meadow, 1 a., 80 p., value, \$33.

PERKINS, ASA, *see* Clarke, Samuel.

PERKINS, DANIEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. W. on County road and on every other side on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 920 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 12 windows; 71 sq. ft. glass; value, \$120.

PERKINS, DANIEL, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Benj. Hobbs and David Hobbs, W. by Daniel Towne and Asa Perkins, N. by road and Jacob Peabody and a brook, E. by brook, Aaron Kneeland and heirs of Israel Clarke; barn 47x30; corn barn 17x16; shop 28x15; 75 a., 80 p., value, \$958.

PERKINS, DANIEL, JR., *see* Balch, Roger. *See also* Bradstreet, Asa.

PERKINS, DANIEL, of Salem, owner. Thomas Perkins, occupant. Wooden dwelling. E. by County road, W. and N. by John Meriam.

Land 4 p.; house 784 sq. ft.; 1 story; 7 windows; 36 sq. ft. glass; value, \$150.

PERKINS, DANIEL, JR., owner. Dominick Moore, occupant. Tillage, mowing and pasture, called hill farm, E. on Roger Balch; 30 a., value \$750, including $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 26x28.

PERKINS, DAVID, owner. David and Ezra Perkins, occupants. Wooden dwelling. S and W. by road and on every other side by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1120 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 21 windows; 76 sq. ft. glass; value, \$260.

PERKINS, DAVID AND EZRA, occupants. Farm, S. W. by Ipswich river, N. W. by David Perkins jr., Zebulon Perkins and Nathaniel Hammond, N. E. by Nathaniel Hammond, Samuel and Elijah Perkins, S. E. by Samuel and Elijah Perkins, Nathaniel Perkins and Ipswich river; barn 62x22; shop 16x11; 62 a., value, \$1240. Upland and meadow, S. E. by river, S. W. by Thomas Emerson, Samuel and Elijah Perkins; 3 a., 130 p., value, \$84. Woodland on all sides on Nath^l Hammond, 80 p., value, \$18. Ditch lot in Bunker's meadow, 2 a., value, \$22. $\frac{1}{3}$ lot in Bunker's meadow in common with Nathaniel Hammond, N. E. by David Perkins, jr.; 106 p., value, \$7. Swamp, 1 a., 80 p., value, \$31.50. $\frac{1}{3}$ Webster's meadow in common with David Perkins, jr., S. E. by river; 80 p., value, \$8.50. Pasture, N. W. by Zebulon Perkins and others; 3 a., 80 p., value, \$62.50. $\frac{1}{2}$ Webster's meadow in common with David Perkins, jr., bought of Thomas Perkins, jr., (2 a. in all,) 1 a., value, \$19. Friend's lot, 2 a., 80 p., value, \$37.50.

PERKINS, ELISHA, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 624 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 12 windows; 65 sq. ft. glass; value, \$240.

PERKINS, ELISHA, occupant and owner. Farm, S. W. by Zebulon Perkins, N. by Nathaniel Hammond and Jacob Towne; barn 42x26; 10 a., 80 p., value, \$407. Upland and meadow, N. W. and N. E. by road; 5 a., value, \$90. River meadow, E. by Ipswich river; 1 a., value, \$20. River meadow, S. by Elijah Averell; 1 a., 20 p., value, \$22.50. Brook meadow he bought of Daniel and Solomon Averell; 1 a., 80 p., value, \$24. $\frac{1}{2}$ meadow in common with Adam Redington, which he bought of William Kimball, 2 a., 80 p., value, \$50. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot woodland and pasture in common with Zebulon Perkins, which Elisha and Zebulon bought of John Bradstreet, jr., 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres in all; 8 a., 120 p., value, \$210.

PERKINS ELISHA, *see also* Redington, Adam.

PERKINS, EZRA AND DAVID, JR., owners. David Perkins, jr., occupant. Wooden dwelling. S. by road and on all other sides by their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 870 sq. ft.; chaisehouse 144 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 14 windows; 84 sq. ft. glass; value, \$160.

PERKINS, DAVID, JR., AND EZRA, owners. David Perkins, jr., occupant. Farm, N. E. and S. E. by David Perkins, S. W. by river and brook, N. W. by Elisha Perkins and Zebulon Perkins; barn 46x30; shop 16x11; tan house yard 30x22; 31 a., 80 p., value, \$756. Lot Bunker's meadow bought of Abraham Hobbs, 3 a., value, \$30. $\frac{1}{2}$ meadow lot in common with Nathaniel Hammond, Ezra and David Perkins bought of Abraham Hobbs; 80 p., value, \$5.50. Webster's meadow bought of Thomas Perkins, jr., 1 a., value, \$19.

PERKINS, MOSES, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. N. E. by County road and on all other sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 432 sq. ft; 1 story; 5 windows; 26 sq. ft. glass; value, \$120.

PERKINS, MOSES, occupant and owner. Farm, N. and E. by County road, S. by Roger Balch; barn 32x24; shop 25x15; 5 a., 80 p., value \$240.

PERKINS, ROBERT AND AMOS, occupants and owners. Wooden dwelling. E. by Robert Perkins, jr., and road, and on all other sides on their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 840 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 9 windows; 45 sq. ft. glass; value, \$160.

PERKINS, ROBERT AND AMOS, occupants and owners. Farm, E. by road and Robert Perkins, jr., and Samuel Bradstreet, S. by David Perkins, jr., and others, W. by Samuel and Elijah Perkins and others, N. by Robert Perkins, jr.; barn 99x26; corn barn 16x14; 62 a., 80 p., value, \$1000. Great lot of river meadow, 8 a., value, \$144. Garden meadow, 1 a., 80 p., value, \$27.

PERKINS, ROBERT, JR., occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E. by road, S. W. and N. by Robert and Amos Perkins.

Land 35 p.; house and outhouse 644 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 10 windows; 67 sq. ft. glass; value, \$240.

PERKINS, ROBERT, JR., occupant and owner. Farm, E. by Nathaniel Averell and Samuel Bradstreet, S. by Samuel Bradstreet and road, W. by Robert and Amos Perkins; barn 55x26; tan house 31x24; 53 a., 125 p., value, \$1000. Shop 16x11; shop 12x10.

PERKINS, SAMUEL AND ELIJAH, occupants and owners. Wooden dwelling. S. E. and S. W. by road, N. W. and N. E. on their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1080 sq. ft.; woodhouse 252 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 16 windows; 78 sq. ft. glass; value, \$220.

PERKINS, SAMUEL AND ELIJAH, occupants and owners. Farm, N. E. by Robert and Amos Perkins, S. E. by road and Nathaniel Hammond and Ipswich river, S. W. by Nathaniel Hammond, N. W. by Nathaniel Hammond and David Perkins; barn 75x30; shop 13x10; 45 a., 80 p., value, \$1072. 75. Four acre lot, 7 a., value, \$161. Friend's lot, Bunker's meadow, 2 a., value, \$30. Pasture, W. by David Cummings; 4 a., value, \$76.

PERKINS, THOMAS, JR., occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. E. by road and on every other side by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 784 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 15 windows; 74 sq. ft. glass; value, \$230.

PERKINS, THOMAS, JR., occupant and owner. Farm, S. E. by Nehemiah Cleaveland, S. W. by Zaccheus Gould, N. W. by Elijah Averell and County road, N. E. by Jacob Kimball and others; barn 34x30; shop 18x15; 23 a., 80 p., value, \$519. Webster's meadow, 5 a., value, \$95.

PERKINS, ZEBULON, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1131 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 16 windows; 91 sq. ft. glass; value, \$320.

PERKINS, ZEBULON, occupant and owner. Farm, S. E. on Nathaniel Hammond and others, S. W. and S. E. by road, S. W. by brook, N. W. by Nathaniel Hammond and Elisha Perkins; barn 61x28; 44 a., 80 p., value, \$1023.50. Webster's meadow, 1 a., 120 p., value, \$31.50. Ditch lot in Bunker's meadow, 2 a., value, \$22. $\frac{1}{2}$ woodland and pasture in Bunker's meadow, in common with Elisha, which they bought of John Bradstreet, jr. (in all 17 a., 80 p.), 8 a., 120 p., value, \$300. Lot in Bunker's meadow, 1 a., value, \$10.

PERLEY, ASA, of Boxford, occupant and owner. Upland, S. by Boxford line; 1 a., 40 p., value, \$25.

PERLEY, STEPHEN, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 970 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 16 windows; 68 sq. ft. glass; value, \$190.

PERLEY, STEPHEN, occupant and owner. Farm, E. by brook, S. by Wm. Moneys, W. by road, N. by Boxford line; barn 70x28; 104 a., 80 p., value, \$1250. Meadow, N. E. by Wm. Moneys; 4 a., value, \$68.

PIKE, BENJ., occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Amos Fisk and others, W. by David Towne, N. on Sticky meadow, E. by heirs of Asa Bradstreet and others; 98 a., value, \$1600. Old house, area 684 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 10 windows; 33 sq. ft. glass; barn 41x28; value, \$80.

PORTER, ASA, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. N. by County road, E. and S. by Jacob Peabody, W. by Jacob Peabody and Jacob Symonds.

Land 38 p.; house 629 sq. ft.; 1 story; 6 windows; 20 sq. ft. glass; value, \$125.

PORTER, ASA, occupant and owner. Pasture and tillage, N. by road; barn 18x15; 3 a., value, \$66.

PORTER, DANIEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E. on County road and on all other sides on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 720 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 10 windows; 59 sq. ft. glass; value, \$200.

PORTER, DANIEL, occupant and owner. Farm, S. E. by Benj. Putnam and Joseph Brown, W. by Amos Peabody and others, N. by Henry Bradstreet, E. by Joseph and Archelaus Towne and Israel Andrews; barn 53x27; tan house 35x19; 125 a., value, \$2200. Woodlot in Middleton, Walcott's Island, 5 a., value, \$100.

PORTER, TYLER, of Wenham, occupant and owner. Woodland, S. E. by Robert Perkins and others; 120 p., value, \$18.

POTTER, EZEKIEL, of Ipswich, occupant and owner. Woodlot, W. by Ephraim and Joseph Dorman; 3 a., value, \$36.

POTTER, EZEKIEL, JR., of Ipswich, occupant and owner. Woodlot, W. by Nathaniel P. Averell; 4 a., value, \$100.

PUTNAM, CLEAVES, HEIRS OF, Danvers, owners, David Towne, occupant. Pasture, E. on Benj. Pike; 4 a., value, \$56.

RAMSDELL, JOHN, of Ipswich, occupant and owner. Pasture, 8 a., value, \$88.

REA, ISRAEL, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. W. on Joseph Towne and on every other side on his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1008 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 24 windows; 143 sq. ft. glass; value, \$450.

REA, ISRAEL, occupant and owner. Farm, E. on Joseph Porter, S. on Archelaus Rea, W. on Joseph and Archelaus Towne, N. on John Rea; barn 65x25; 73 a., 80 p., value, \$1543.50. Strap meadow, 10 a., value, \$120.

REA, JOHN, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. N. by a road and on every other way by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 612 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 14 windows; 70 sq. ft. glass; value, \$130.

REA, JOHN, occupant and owner. Farm, E. on land owned by John Dwinell and himself, then on John and Israel Rea, W. on Joseph and Archelaus Towne, N. on Daniel Esty and others; barn 37x27; 41 a., 80 p., value, \$900. Meadow in Blind Hole, Danvers, 10 a., value, \$125.

REA, JOHN, *see also* Dwinell, John.

REDDINGTON, ADAM, of Wenham, occupant and owner. $\frac{1}{2}$ meadow lot, in common with Elisha Perkins, 5 a., N. W. on Ipswich river; 2 a., 80 p., value, \$50.

ROSS, ADAM, of Ipswich, occupant and owner. Pasture, 15 a., value, \$105.

SMITH, JOSEPH, occupant and owner. Woodlot, Averell's Island, 2 a., 80 p., value, \$75.

SMITH, REUBEN, of Hamilton, occupant and owner. Woodland on Averell's Island, 2 a., 80 p., value, \$75. Woodland on Bradstreet's Island, bought of Moses Bradstreet, 5 a., 40 p., value, \$94.50.

STICKNEY, DUDLEY, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Aaron Kneeland, S. W. by Adam Ross and brook, W. by Dudley Wildes and others, N. and E. by Ipswich line; 37 a., value, \$510. House, 1 story; 470 sq. ft.; 4 windows; 20 sq. ft. glass; barn 40x20; value, \$80.

SYMONDS, JACOB, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. S. E. by County road and on every other side by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 760 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 13 windows; 55 sq. ft. glass; value, \$290.

SYMONDS, JACOB, occupant and owner. Farm, S. W. by brook, N. W. by Nathaniel P. Averell, N. E. by Nathaniel Foster, S. E. by County road; 63 a., 80 p., value, \$954.50, including barn 51x30. Great hill pasture, 17 a., value, \$255. River meadow, S. by Edward Lamson, 5 a., value, \$100. River meadow, S. by Benj. Hobbs, 3 a., value, \$60.

TENNEY, THOMAS, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E. on County road and on all other sides by their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1080 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 13 windows; 34 sq. ft. glass; value, \$120.

TENNEY, THOMAS, occupant and owner. Farm, E. by County road, S. by Daniel Porter, W. by Amos Peabody and Betty Towne, N. by Ebenezer Towne and others; barn 44x28; 44 a., 80 p., value, \$801. Sticky meadow, 4 a., value, \$60. Pasture, called mine lot, 4 a., value, \$68. Meadow in Danvers, in Bishop's meadow, 80 p., value, \$7.

TOWNE, BETTY, occupant and owner. Pasture, called Sheep pasture, 13 a., 40 p., value, \$212. Upper field, 3 a., 80 p., value, \$70.

TOWNE, DANIEL, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Isaac Averell and Daniel Bordman, W. by Daniel Bordman, N. by County road, E. by Daniel Perkins; barn 64x24; cider house and corn barn 40x20; shop 11x11; 59 a., 80 p., value, \$880. River meadow, 6 a., value, \$102. River meadow, log lot, 4 a., value, \$76. River meadow, S. by Joseph Andrews; 2 a., 80 p., value, \$45.

TOWNE, DANIEL, AND ASA PERKINS, occupants and owners. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides by their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1000 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 11 windows; 76 sq. ft. glass; value, \$230.

TOWNE, DAVID, occupant and owner. Farm, E. on heirs of Putnam Cleaves, S. on Amos Foster, W. on Sticky meadow, N. on Benj. Pike; barn 32x28; 24 a., 80 p., value, \$360. Tillage, E., S. and W. on Amos Foster, 4 a., value, \$56.

TOWNE, DAVID AND EBENEZER, occupants and owners. Wooden dwelling. S. E. on road and on all other sides on their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 690 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 10 windows; 73 sq. ft. glass; value, \$170.

TOWNE, DAVID, *see also* Putnam, Cleaves.

TOWNE, ELIJAH, occupant and owner. Farm, E. on County road, S. by heirs of Joseph Towne, W. on brook, N. on Ephraim Towne and Lydia Towne; 17 a., 80 p., value, \$300. West $\frac{1}{2}$ of old house 20x20; $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 26x28; Sheep pasture, 3 a., 80 p., value, \$92.

TOWNE, EPHRAIM, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. W. by County road and on every other side by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1230 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 18 windows; 80 sq. ft. glass; value, \$130.

TOWNE, EPHRAIM, occupant and owner. Farm, W. by County road, N. by David Balch, E. and S. by David Cummings; barn 53x28; 23 a., 80 p., value, \$500. Five acre lot, value, \$90. Pasture, N. by Amos Foster; 13 a., value, \$221. Upland and meadow, N. by Lydia Towne, 11 a., value, \$165.

TOWNE, JACOB, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 780 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 8 windows; 20 sq. ft. glass; value, \$110.

TOWNE, JACOB, occupant and owner. Farm, N. E. by Sylvanus Wildes and others, S. E. by Elisha Perkins and Zebulon Perkins, S. W. by Elisha Perkins and others, N. W. by Thomas Emerson; barn 58x28; 68 a., 80 p., value, \$1500. Hassocky meadow, 10 a., value, \$125. Pasture, called mine lot, in common and undivided, 1 a., 152 p., value, \$33.

TOWNE, JACOB, JR., occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. N. and E. by road and on all other sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 786 sq. ft.; Woodhouse 180 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 15 windows; 84 sq. ft. glass; value, \$300.

TOWNE, JACOB, JR., occupant and owner. Farm, E. on heirs of Benj. Fisk, S. on Wenham line and Joseph Sprague and others, W. on Joseph Porter and others, N. W. on Richard Hood, N. on Nathaniel Fisk and heirs of Benj. Fisk, N. E. on Joshua Towne and heirs of Benj. Fisk; barn 63x25; barn and cider house 54x20; 57 a., value, \$1150. Meadow and pasture, E. on John Peabody, 14 a., value, \$252.

TOWNE, JOSEPH AND ARCHELAUS, occupants and owners. Farm, E. by Israel Rea and Israel Andrews, S. by Daniel Porter and David Cummings, W. by David Cummings and Elijah Perkins, N. by Thomas Emerson and others; 50 a., value, \$1100. Old house 40x18; barn 44x28; value, \$70. Meadow in Bishop's meadow, Danvers, 1 a., 80 p., value, \$19.50.

TOWNE, JOSHUA, occupant and owner. Farm, E. on Jacob Towne, John Conant and others, S. on Jacob Towne and John Conant, W. on land of Sarah Fisk and Jacob Towne, N. E. on Bunker's meadow; 50 a., value, \$1000, including barn 54x26, and barn 26x26.

TOWNE, JOSHUA, JR., occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. W. by road and on every other side by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 918 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 23 windows; 81 sq. ft. glass; value, \$320.

TOWNE, LYDIA, occupant and owner. Meadow pasture, 12 a., 27 p., value, \$184. Upper field lot, 3 a., 26 p., value, \$63. Pasture, mine lot, 1 a., 152 p., value, \$33.

WEBBER, THOMAS, of Wenham, occupant and owner. Bunker's meadow, S. E. by Birch Island; 3 a., 120 p., value, \$60.

WILDES, DUDLEY, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. Bounded on all sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 720 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 14 windows; 78 sq. ft. glass; value, \$160.

WILDES, DUDLEY, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by brook, W. by Nathaniel Foster, N. by Moses Conant, E. by Dudley Stickney and brook; barn 38x28; 64 a., 80 p., value, \$709.50.

WILDES, ELISHA, HEIRS OF, owners. Sylvanus Wildes, adm. of estate of Elisha Wildes, dec'd, occupant. Wooden dwelling. S. by private road and on all other sides by their other land.

Land 80 p.; house 1280 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 17 windows; 83 sq. ft. glass; value, \$320.

WILDES, ELISHA, HEIRS OF, owners. Sylvanus Wildes, adm. of Elisha Wildes' estate, occupant. Farm, S. E. and S. by Moses Wildes, W. by Jacob Towne and Joseph Andrews, N.

by Ephraim Wildes, E. by Moses Bradstreet; barn 58x26; cider house 18x16; 31 a., 80 p., value, \$750. Meadow, E. by Moses Bradstreet, 7 a., value, \$119. Pasture, S. by Thomas Emerson, 18 a., value, \$306.

WILDES, EPHRAIM, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. E. by road, on all other sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 800 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 17 windows; 104 sq. ft. glass; value, \$340.

WILDES, EPHRAIM, occupant and owner. Farm, S. by Moses Bradstreet and heirs of Elisha Wildes, W. by heirs of Joseph Andrews and Daniel Bordman, N. by Daniel Bordman, E. by brook; barn 51x26; 65 a., 80 p., value, \$1050.50. River meadow in Bunker's meadow, E. on Ipswich river, 4 a., value, \$72. River meadow, S. by Bradstreet's Island, 2 a., value, \$40.

WILDES, MOSES, occupant and owner. Wooden dwelling. N. by heirs of Elisha Wildes, E. on road and on all other sides by his other land.

Land 80 p.; house 952 sq. ft.; 2 stories; 9 windows; 43 sq. ft. glass; value, \$110.

WILDES, MOSES, occupant and owner. Farm, N. by heirs of Elisha Wildes, E. by heirs of Elisha Wildes and Moses Bradstreet, S. by Solomon Dodge and Isaac Averell, W. by Jacob Towne; barn 52x26; 54 a., 80 p., value, \$1050. Pasture on Great hill, 14 a., value, \$252. Hassocky meadow, 3 a., value, \$48.

NOTE.—At the end of this volume will be found a list of the present (1901) owners of the several estates enumerated in the foregoing return of the U. S. Direct Tax.

THE SEATING IN THE MEETING-HOUSE.

1762 AND 1771.

February 13, 1759, the town of Topsfield voted to build a new meeting-house "fifty four foot in Leingth and forty Two foot in Bredth and Twenty Six foot stud with a perpornable Steeple" and that it be located "where the old meeting house now stands," that is, upon the present site on the Common. Several meetings were held and various committees were chosen. On May 24, a committee of five men was chosen "to take Down the old meeting house," presumably to superintend its demolition, and the church records certify under date of June 3rd, that Rebeckah, the daughter of Thomas Perkins, was "ye last child baptized in ye old Meeting house." On the 26th of the same month, a town-meeting was called at the house of Dan Clark, innholder (whose buildings were located where Bailey's Block now stands), and it was voted to raise the frame of the church on Wednesday, July 4th, and to "provid vietuls and Drink . . . for the Laborers before supper time," namely, one barrel of "Rhum", fifty weight of "Shuger", and twelve barrels of "Sider", with which to celebrate the event. The meeting also appointed a committee to provide a dinner for one hundred men.

On August 14th, a town-meeting was called to meet at the new meeting-house to consider the matter of finishing the inside, and probably not long after, the building was occupied for religious services. At once the town found itself face to face with the momentous problem of seating the worshipers in order of their age and standing in the community.

The following lists, one made in 1762, and the other in 1771, enumerate the inhabitants of the town, almost as closely as the census of the modern time, and because of the lack of detailed information of that early period, became of great value to the historian and genealogist.

May 20, 1760, the town appointed a committee of twelve men to seat the towns-folk in the meeting-house "according to there Best Skill and Judgement." In due time their report was presented to the town in town-meeting assembled and it "passed in the Negative." May 5, 1761, another committee, of five men, was appointed and they were instructed to "have Respect to age and money." Sept. 22nd of the same year, Daniel Bixby, Dan Clarke and Zaccheus Gould were chosen "to assist the committee that did refuse to seat," and the following report is probably the one that was presented to the town May 18, and July 13, 1762, and not adopted.

Dan Clark, Simon Gould, Zaccheus Gould and Daniel Bixby, members of a committee appointed to "seat the Inhabitants of said Town in the Meeting house," prepared a report dated May 17, 1762, as follows:—

THE ELDERS SEAT.

Mr. Jacob Dorman.	Mr. William Perkins.
Cap ^t Nath ^l Avriel.	Mr. Luke Avriel.
Mr. Ric ^d Towne.	Mr. Matth ^w Peabody.
Mr. Solomon Gould.	

THE MENS FIRST SEAT BELOW.

Mr. Eliezar Lake.	Cap ^t Benj ^m Towne.
Cap ^t Tobijah Perkins.	Mr. David Balch.
Mr. Ephraim Wilds.	Mr. Jacob Perkins.
Mr. John Davis.	Mr. David Commings.
Mr. Aaron Easty.	Mr. Samuel Bradstreet.
Cap ^t Tho ^s Baker.	Doc ^t Richard Dexter.
Mr. Phillip Neland.	Mr. John Batcholer.
Mr. Samuel Perkins.	Mr. John Perkins.
Mr. Tho ^s Gould.	

THE MENS 2ND SEAT BELOW.

Mr. Jacob Averil.	Mr. Stephen Foster.
Mr. Stephen Towne.	Mr. Samuel Towne.
Mr. John Gould.	Mr. Michal Dwinel.
Mr. Jeremiah Towne.	Mr. Dan Clark.
Mr. Elijah Porter.	Cap ^t John Bordman.
Mr. Tho ^s Perkins.	Mr. Joseph Hovey.
Mr. Jabez Towne.	Mr. Phillip Towne.

THE MENS 3RD SEAT BELOW.

Mr. Elisha Towne.	Mr. Nathan Hood.
Mr. Benjamin Ierland.	Mr. Jacob Dwinel.
Mr. Nathaniel Towne.	Mr. David Towne.
Mr. Zebulon Wilds.	Mr. Jeremiah Averil.
Mr. Elisha Wilds.	Mr. David Perkins.
Mr. Pelatiah Commings.*	Mr. Joshua Towne.
Mr. Enos Knight.	Mr. David Balch, Jun.

THE MENS 4TH SEAT BELOW.

Mr. Samuel Harris.	Mr. Simon Bradstreet.
Mr. Phillip Neland, Jun.	Mr. John Cree.
Mr. Joshua Balch.	Mr. Benj ⁿ Woodbury.
Mr. Isaac Perkins.	Mr. John Lefavor.
Mr. Jacob Averil, Jun.	Mr. Nathan Wilds.
Mr. Nathaniel Low.	Mr. Jacob Kimbel.*
Mr. Samuel Towne, Jun.	

THE MENS 5TH SEAT BELOW.

Mr. John Hood.	Mr. William Gallop.
Mr. Benj ⁿ Bayley.	Mr. Joseph Lesley.
Mr. Enoch Perkins.	Mr. William Hood.
Mr. Williaam Perkins, Jun.	

THE MENS 6 SEAT BELOW.

Mr. John Holgat.	Mr. Nathan Perkins.
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*Name crossed out in ink.

THE 1ST SEAT IN THE FRONT GALLERY.

Mr. Tho ^s Symonds	Mr. Samuel Smith.
Mr. John Balch.	Mr. Abraham Hobbs.
Mr. Solomon Dodge.	Mr. Eliezar Lake, Jun.
Mr. Zaccheus Gould.	Mr. Simon Gould.
Mr. John Bradstreet.	Mr. John Baker.
Mr. Joseph Andrews.	Mr. Joseph Gould.
Mr. Daniel Bixby.	Mr. Daniel Lake.
Mr. Joseph Towne.	Mr. John Perkins, Jun.
Mr. Sam ^l Commings.	Mr. Benj ⁿ Bixby.
Mr. Pealatiah Commings.	

THE MENS 1ST SEAT IN Y^E WEST GALLERY.

Doct ^r Joseph Bradstreet.	Mr. Tho ^s Perkins, Jun.
Mr. Robert Perkins.	Mr. Stephen Perkins.
Mr. Tho ^s Mower.	Mr. Samuel Bradstreet.
Mr. Archelus Rea.	Mr. Stephen Adams.
Mr. John Herrick.	Mr. Nehemiah Herrick.
Mr. Benjamin Dwinell.	Mr. Moses Perkins.
Mr. Amos Perkins.	Mr. John Peabody
Mr. Jacob Towne.	Mr. John Jacobs.
Mr. Tho ^s Howlett.	Mr. Daniel Towne.
Mr. Tho ^s Gould, Jun.	Mr. John Baker, Jun.
Mr. Tho ^s Emerson.	Mr. Daniel Clark.
Mr. Jacob Kimbal.	

THE FRONT BACK PEW.

Mr. Daniel Averil.	Mr. Samuel Perkins.
Mr. Joseph Perkins.	Mr. Isaac Averil.
Mr. Jacob Peabody.	Mr. Francis Towne.
Mr. Elijah Clark.	Mr. Nathaniel Dormon.
Mr. Tho ^s Wilds.	Mr. Davis Howlett.
Mr. Richard Cree.	Mr. Bart ^w Dwinell.
Mr. Zebulon Perkins.	Mr. Othniel Thomas.
Mr. Elijah Towne.	Mr. Daniel Easty.
Mr. Stephen Hovey.	Mr. David Balch, 3 rd .
Mr. Stephen Foster, Jun.	Mr. Daniel Reddington.
Mr. Joseph Baker.	

THE NORTH HIND PEW IN Y^E WEST GALLERY.

Mr. Ephraim Dorman.	Mr. Asa Gould.
Mr. Moses Wilds.	Mr. David Neland.
Mr. Abraham Hobbs, Jun.	Mr. Elijah Dwinel.
Mr. Moses Gould.	Mr. Daniel Porter.
Mr. John Towne.	Mr. Jacob Towne, Jr.
Mr. William Monies.	Mr. John Balch, Jun.
Mr. Henry Bradstreet.	Mr. Philemon Perkins.

THE SOUTH HIND PEW IN Y^E WEST GALLERY.

Mr. John Clough.*	Mr. John Batchelor, Jun.
Mr. Dan Clark, Jun.	Mr. Sam ^l Balch.
Mr. Nath ⁿ Hood.	Mr. Daniel Hood.
Mr. Jacob Dwinel, Jun.	Mr. Stephen Towne, Jun.
Mr. Asahal Smith.	Mr. Sam ^l Harris, Jun.
Mr. Ellexander Tapley.	Mr. William Perkins, 3 rd .
Mr. Elijah Towne, Jun.	Mr. Ephram Wilds, Jun.
Mr. Nathaniel Porter.	

THE SECOND SEAT IN THE FRONT GALLERY.

Isaac Hobbs.	John Shereion.
Elnathan Hubbard.	Zaccheus Gould, Jun.
Jabez Ross, Jun.	Samuel Cree.
Oliver Perkins.	Benj ⁿ Jonson.
Nathaniel Low, Jun.	Samuel Tapley.
Jacob Hobbs.	Asa Stiles.
Phillip Thomas.	David Towne, Jun.
Absalom Towne.	Jeremiah Towne, Jun.
Seth Peabody.	Robert Balch.
John Hubburd.	

THE WOMENS FIRST SEAT.

the widow Rebecca Peabody.	the widow Anna Hovey.
the widow Elisabeth Bradstreet.	the widow Hannah Edwards.
Mr. Jacob Dormons wife.	Mr. Eliezar Lakes wife.
Deacon George Bixbys wife.	the widow Phebe Wilds.
	the widow Mary Gould.

*Name crossed out in ink.

Capt. Tobijah Perkins wife.	the widow Doritha Riggs.
Capt. Benjamin Towns wife.	the widow Susan ⁿ Commings.
Mr. John Davis wife.	the widow Mary Dwinel.
the widow Mary Dwinel.	Mr. Aaron Eastys wife.
the widow Mary Perkins.	the widow Abigail Dormon.
the widow Elizabeth Perkins.	the widow Joanna Curtis.

THE WOMENS 2 SEAT.

the widow Elisabeth Redington.	Mr. Michael Dwinels wife.
the widow Hannah Perkins.	the widow Abigail Porter.
Mr. John Perkins wife.	the widow Elisabeth Perkins.
the widow Mary Rea.	Mr. David Commings wife.
Mr. Samuel Perkins wife.	Mr. Richard Towns wife.
the widow Abigail Commings.	the widow Rebecca Towne.
Mr. Ephraim Wilds wife.	Mr. Philip Nelands wife.
Mr. Stephen Fosters wife.	Mr. Tho ^s Symonds wife.

THE WOMANS 3RD SEAT.

Mr. William Perkins wife.	Mr. Jacob Averil wife.
Capt. Nathanel Averil wife.	Mr. John Goulds wife.
Mr. John Balchs wife.	Mr. Tho ^s Symonds wife.*
Mr. Jabez Towns wife.	Mr. Stephen Towns wife.
Mr. Matthew Peabodys wife.	Mr. Samuel Towns wife.
Mr. Jeremiah Towns wife.	Mr. Benj ⁿ Ierlands wife.
Mr. Jacob Dwinels wife.	Mr. Zebulon Wilds wife.
the widow Sarah Kittery.	Mr. David Balch wife.

THE WOMENS 4 SEAT.

the widow Mary Clark.	Mr. Eliezar Lakes Jun. wife.
Mr. John Cree wife.	Mr. John Lefavors wife.
Mr. Abraham Hobbs wife.	Mr. Nathaniel Towns wife.
the widow Lidia Standly.	Mrs.† Sarah Towne.
the widow Mary Hubbard.	Mr. Isaac Perkins wife.
Mr. Enos Knights wife.	the widow Abihal Tapley.
Mr. Samuel Towne Jun. wife.	

*Name crossed out in ink.

†"Mrs." here means "Mistress;" an unmarried woman.

THE WOMENS 5 SEAT.

Mrs. Sarah Gould.	Mrs. Hannah Willard.
the widow Dorothy Pritchard.	Mr. Simon Bradstreets wife.
Mr. Richard Crees wife.	Mr. Phillip Neland Jun. wife.
Mrs. Sarah Averil.	Mr. William Gallops wife.
Mrs. Catherine Perkins.	Mr. Samuel Harris wife.
Mrs. Elisabeth Perkins.	

THE WOMENS 6 SEAT.

the widow Hannah Masties.	Mr. Enoch Perkins wife.
Mr. Joseph Lessley wife.	Mr. Benj ^m Bayley wife.
Mrs. Jemima Towne.	Mrs. Mary Louden.
Mrs. Kesiah Perkins.	Mrs. Anna Wallas.

THE WOMENS 1 SEAT IN Y^B FRONT GALLERY.

Mr. Samuel Smith wife.	the widow Mary Town.
the widow Martha Bradstreet.	the widow Sarah Hovey.
Mr. Philip Towne wife.	Mr. Solomon Dodge wife.
Mr. John Baker wife.	Mr. Samuel Commings wife.
Mr. John Baker Jun. wife.	

THE WOMENS 1 SEAT IN Y^B EAST GALLERY.

Mr. Benjamin Woo[d]bury wife.	Mr. Joshua Balch wife.
Mrs. Catherine Wildes.	Mrs. Ruth Andrews.
Mr. Amos Perkins wife.	Mrs. Rebecca Perkins.
Mr. Tho ^s Perkins Jun. wife.	Mr. Joseph Towne wife.
Mr. Tho ^s Gould Jun. wife.	Mr. Elijah Clark wife.
Mr. Othniel Thomas wife.	Mr. Francis Towne wife.
Mr. John Peabody wife.	Mr. Moses Perkins wife.
Mr. Benjamin Dwinel wife.	Mr. Jacob Averill Jun. wife.
Mr. Thomas Howletts wife.	Mr. John Jacobs wife.
Mr. Daniel Towne wife.	Mr. Stephen Adams wife.
Mr. John Herrick wife.	the widow Lidia Chapman.

NOTE:—"Mrs." as used above, means "Mistress;" an unmarried woman.

THE WOMENS BACK PEW IN THE FRONT GALLERY.

the widow Hannah Ramsdal.	the widow Martha Dwinell.
Mr. William Hood wife.	Mr. David Balch 3 rd wife.
Mr. W ^m Monies wife.	Mr. Isaac Averill wife.
Mr. Daniel Averil wife.	Mr. Davis Howletts wife.
Mr. Stephen Hovey wife.	Mr. Tho ^s Wilds wife.
Mr. David Neland wife.	Mr. John Clough wife.*
Mr. Bart ^w Dwinell wife.	Mrs. Luce Perkins.
Mrs. Susannah Commings.	Mrs. Mercey Bradstreet.
Mrs. Aphia Perkins.	Mr. Daniel Redington wife.

THE WOMENS BACK PEW THE NORTH SIDE OF THE DOOR.

Mrs. Vashty Smith.	Mrs. Lidia Averil.
Mrs. Elisabeth Perkins.	Mr. Abraham Burnam wife.*
Mrs. Elisabeth Bryant.	Mrs. Hannah Towne.
Mrs. Ruth Symonds.	Mrs. Mary Porter.
Mrs. Sarah Towne.	Mrs. Abigail Foster.
Mrs. Anna Batchelor.	Mrs. Martha Balch.
Mrs. Sarah Hobbs.	Mrs. Ruth Dodge.
Mrs. Elisabeth Perkins.	Mrs. Mary Cree.
Mrs. Sarah Perkins.	

THE WOMENS BACK PEW THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE DOOR.

Susannah Smith.	Mary Redington.
Mary Gould.	Anna Esty.
Molley Hooper.	Mary Lefavor.
Sarah Perkins.	Sarah Perkins.
Ruth Towne.	Mehitable Towne.
Sarah Cree.	Dorithy Perkins.
Phebe Porter.	Mary Wildes.*
Mary Perkins.	Anna Symonds.
Molley Wildes.	Sarah Hood.

NOTE:—"Mrs." as used above, means "Mistress;" an unmarried woman.

*Name crossed out in ink.

THE WOMENS SECOND SEAT IN THE FRONT GALLERY.

Rachal Lefavor.	Sarah Hood.*
Mary Averil.	Priscilla Averil.
Abigail Towne.	Susannah Gallop.
Hepsabah Wilds.	Mary Hovey.
Dorcase Towne.	Susannah Hood.

At town-meeting held May 16, 1771, Zaccheus Gould, Capt. Samuel Smith, Jacob Dwinell and Thomas Symonds were appointed "a Com^{tee} to seat the Inhabitants of the Town in the Meeting house," and on Oct. 15th, following, Capt. John Boardman and Abraham Hobbs were added to the committee. It does not appear upon record that any report was ever presented in town-meeting, but the following list was probably prepared by this committee.

A COPY OF THE SEATING OF THE PEOPLE
IN THE MEETING-HOUSE.

THE ELDERS SEAT.

Mr. William Perkins.	Cap. Thomas Baker.
Cap. Nathaniel Averell.	Mr. Aaron Estey.
Let. Luke Averell.	Doct. Richard Dextor.
Cap. Tobijah Perkins.	

*Name crossed out in ink.

THE MENS FIRST SEAT BELOW.

Mr. Jacob Perkins.	Mr. Stephen Towne.
Mr. John Perkins.	Mr. Abraham Hobbs.
Mr. Mathew Peabodey.	Mr. Thomas Perkins.
Mr. Jacob Averell.	Mr. Jeremiah Towne.
Mr. Stephen Foster.	Mr. Nathan Hood.
Mr. Thomas Symonds.	Cap. John Bordman.
Mr. Symond Gould.	Mr. Davied Baltch.
Mr. Samuel Smith.	Mr. Elijah Porter.
Mr. John Baltch.	

THE MENS SECOND SEAT BELOW.

Mr. Phillip Towne.	Mr. Thomas Perkins.
Mr. Theofelous Fisk.	Mr. Ephram Towne.
Mr. Jacob Dwinel.	Mr. Zecaers Gould.
Mr. Elezer Lake.	Mr. Jeremiah Averell.
Mr. Solomon Dodge.	Mr. John Bradstreet.
Mr. Joshua Towne.	Mr. Joseph Andrews.
Mr. John Rea.	Mr. David Towne.
Mr. Nathan Wildes.	Mr. John Perkins, Jun.
Mr. Elisha Wildes.	Mr. Joseph Gould.

THE MENS THIRD SEAT BELOW.

Mr. Jacob Towne.	Mr. Stephen Adams.
Mr. Joseph Towne.	Mr. Batholomu Dwinel.
Mr. Phillip Neeland.	Mr. Daniel Bixbey.
Mr. Stephen Perkins.	Mr. Samuel Bradstreet.
Mr. Benjemain Eierland [Ireland].	Mr. Samuel Commings.
Mr. John Cree.	Mr. David Perkins.
Mr. Nathaniel Low.	Mr. Enoch Knighth.
Mr. John Baker.	Mr. Roberd Perkins.
Doct. Joseph Bradstreet.	Mr. Amoses Wildes.

THE MENS FORTH SEAT BELOW.

Mr. Daniel Averell.	Mr. Thomas Gould.
Mr. Jacob Averell, Jun.	Mr. Symond Bradstreet.
Mr. Thomas Wood.	Mr. William Gallop.
Mr. John Hood.	Mr. Enoch Perkins.
Mr. Johen Lefaver.	

THE MENS FIFTH SEAT BELOW.

Mr. William Perkins.	Mr. Nathanell Dean.
Mr. Samuel Cree.	

THE MENS FIRST SEAT IN THE FRUNT GALLERY.

Mr. John Peobedey.	Mr. Amoses Perkins.
Mr. Moses Perkins.	Mr. John Baltch.
Mr. Joseph Perkins.	Mr. Jacob Peobeadey.
Mr. Daveid Baltch.	Mr. Samuel Smith, Jun.
Mr. Nathaniel Dormon.	Mr. Zebulan Perkins.
Mr. Jacob Kimbel.	Mr. Abraham Hobbs, Jun.
Mr. Samuel Perkins.	Mr. Henrey Bradstreet.
Mr. Daniel Cleark.	Mr. John Baker, Jun.
Mr. Daniel Towne.	Mr. Thomas Emerson.
Mr. Thomas Moores.	

THE MENS SECOND SEAT IN FRUNT GALLERY.

Mr. David Towne.	Mr. Elisha Perkins.
Mr. Solomon Dodge.	Mr. Richerd Hood.
Mr. William Estey.	Mr. Amoses Averell.
Mr. Nathaniel Averell, Jun.	Mr. Stephen Perkins, Jun.
Mr. Joseph Towne.	Mr. Isaac Peobedey.
Mr. Ebenezer Knight.	Mr. Moses Perkins, Jun.
Mr. John Gould, third.	Mr. John Rea, Jun.
Mr. John Lefaver.	

THE THIRD SEAT IN THE FRUNT GALLERY.

Daniel Gould.	John Baker the 3 ^d .
Ruben Page.	Joshua Towne.
Symond Gould.	David Perkins.
Robert Lake.	John Perkins y ^e 4.
Elijah Perkins.	Amos Dwinel.
Dudley Bixbey.	John Rea.
Roger Baltch.	Nathaniel Goot.
Ezriel Baltch.	

THE MENS FRUNT BACK PUE IN THE GALLERY.

Jacob Symonds.	Daniel Dodge.
Daniel Perkins.	Johnthan Baker.
Daniel Bordman.	Samuel Fisk.
Elezir Lake, Jun.	Thomas Porter.
Cornelous Baltch.	Olever Towne.
Benjamin Hobbs.	John Perkins the 3.
Zeacch Gould.	John Dwinel.
William Perkins, Jun.	William Towne.
Joseph Hood.	David Hobbs.
Benj ^m Gould.	Benjamin Hood.
Andrew Gould.	Elnathan Hobberd.

THE MENS FIRST SEAT IN THE WEST GALLERY.

Mr. Ephram Dorman.	Mr. Daniel Estey.
Mr. Isaac Hobbs.	Mr. Nemiah Herick.
Mr. John Batcheller.	Mr. John Gould.
Mr. Moses Wildes.	Mr. Olever Perkins.
Mr. Roberd Baltch.	Mr. Asa Gould.
Mr. Daniel Reddington.	Mr. Daniel Hood.
Mr. Jacob Dwinel.	Isaac Averell.
Mr. Nathaniel Fisk.	Mr. Benjamin Kimbel.
Mr. Stephen Foster, Jun.	Thomas Wilds.
Mr. Ephraim Wildes.	Jeremiah Towne.
Mr. Elijah Towne.	

THE NORTH HIND PUE IN THE WEST GALLERY.

David Baltch y ^e 3.	Joseph Cree.
Jacob Towne, Jun.	Ezra Perkins.
Ephram Towne.	Thomas Hovey.
Archalous Towne.	Earon Hovey.
Nathaniel Gould.	Earon Neeland.
Daniel Gould.	Selvenous Wilds.
Jonathan Hobbs.	

THE SOUTH HIND PUE IN THE WEST GALLERY.

Eivery Hovey.	Samuel Symonds.
Asa Cree.	Samuel Baltch, Jun.
Elisha Gould.	John Perkins y ^e 5.
Archulous Dwinel.	Amos Low.

Free Parker.
Archulous Perkins.
Thomas Perkins, Jun.

Joseph Symonds.
John Greenno.

THE WEMEN FIRST SEAT BELOW.

the wid. Mary Towne.	the widow Mary Dweniel.
the widow Rebecca Peabodey.	the widow Abigail Porter.
the widow Anna Hovey.	the widow Mary Lake.
the widow Elisabeth Brad-	the widow hannah Towne.
street.	Cap. Tobijah Perkins wife.
the widow hannah Edwards.	Mr. Aaron Esteys wife.
the widow Mary Perkins.	Mr. Jacob Averell wife.
the widow Elisabeth Pirkins.	Mr. William Perkins wife.
the widow Abigail Dormon.	Cap. Nathaniel Averell wife.
the widow Martha Clark.	Dcon. Gorges Bixbey wife.
the widow hannah Becheller.	

THE WEMENS SECEND SEAT BELOW.

the widow hepebath Wildes.	Mr. John Baltch wife.
Mr. Stephen Foster wife.	Mrs. Sarah Averell.
Mr. Thomas Symonds wife.	Mr. Thop ^{els} Fisk wife.
Cap. Sam ^l Smith wife.	Mr. Jeremiah Towne wife.
Dcon. John Gould wife.	Mrs. Sarah Towne.
Mr. Abraham Hobbs wife.	the widow Ester Baltch.
Mr. Mathew Peobedys wife.	

THE WEMEN THIRD SEAT BELOW.

the widow Sarah Hovey.	the widow Mary towne.
the widow Martha Dweniel.	Mr. John Cree wife.
Mr. Phillip Towne wife.	Mr. Phillip Neeland wife.
Mr. Solomon Dodge wife.	Mrs. Cathiriene Wildes.
Mr. Elezer Lake wife.	Mr. Symonds Bradstreets
Mr. Jacob Dweniel wife.	wife.
Mr. Stephen Towne wife.	Mr. Amoses Wildes wife.
the widow Ester Loynes.	Mr. John Rea wife.
the widow Mary Clark.	Mr. Benjamin Eierland wife.

NOTE.—“Mrs.” as used above, means “Mistress;” an unmarried woman.

THE WEMEN FORTH SEAT BELOW.

Mr. Thomas Perkins wife.	Mrs. Catharine Perkins.
Mr. Ephram Towne wife.	Mrs. Sarah Gould.
Mr. John Baker wife.	the widow Dorothy Pricherd.
Mr. Joseph Towne wife.	the widow Sarah How.
Mr. Jacob Towne wife.	Mr. John Lefavers wife.
Mr. Stephen Adams wife.	Mrs. Elisbeth Perkins.
Mr. Betholomue Dweniel wife.	

THE WEMENS FIFTH SEAT BELOW.

Mr. William Gallop wife.	the widow hannah Ramsdiel.
Mr. Daniel Averell wife.	Mr. Enoch Perkins wife.
Mrs. Anna Whittinggam.	Mr. Thomas Wood wife.
Mrs. Jemime Towne.	Mr. Samuel Cree wife.

THE SIXTH SEAT BELOW.

Mrs. Anna Wallas.	Mrs. Keziah Perkins.
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THE WEMEN FIRST SEAT IN THE FRUNT GALLERY.

Mr. John Peobeadeys wife.	Mr. John Betcheller wife.
Mr. Moses Perkins wife.	Mr. David Baltch wife.
Mr. Joseph Perkins wife.	Mr. Jacob Peobedey wife.
Mr. John Baker wife.	Mr. Jacob Dweniel wife.
Mr. Daniel Townes wife.	Mrs. Rebaca Perkins.
Mr. Nathaniel Dormon wife.	

THE SECEND SEAT IN THE WOMENS FRUNT GALLERY.

Abigail Abbout.	Hannah Ramsdail.
Hulday hovey.	John Rea Wife.
Elisabath Gallup.	

THE WEMENS FRUNT BACK PUE IN THE GALLERY.

Mr. Robord Baltch wife.	Mrs. Prissilla Averell.
Mrs. Ruth Symonds.	Mr. Joseph Hoods wife.
Mrs. Lydia Lake.	Mr. Stephen Perkins wife.
Mrs Anna Estee.	Mrs. Lydia Neeland.
Mrs. Tabatha Fisk.	Mr. Olever Towns wife.
Mrs. Ruth Dweniel.	Mr. Nemiah Towns wife.
Mr. Cornelous Baltch wife.	Mr. John Dweniels wife.
Mr. Elnathan Hoberds wife.	

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THE WEMENS FURST SEAT IN THE SIDE GALLERY.

Mr. Samuel Perkins wife.	Mrs. Elisabeth Peobeday.*
Mr. John Baltch wife.	Mrs. Mary Averell.*
Mr. Samuel Smiths wife.	Mr. Benjamin Kimbals wife.
Mr. Zebulon Perkins wife.	Mr. Daniel Hoods wife.
Mr. Abraham Hobbs wife.	the widow Mary Hood.
Mr. Stephen Foster wife.	Mr. Samuel Fisk wife.
Isaac Averell wife.	Mr. Jeremiah Towns wife.
Mr. Daniel Reddington wife.	Mr. Isaac Hobbs wife.
Mr. Daniel Porter wife.	Mr. Olver Perkins wife.
Mr. Daniel Estey wife.	Mr. Nathanel Fisk wife.
Mr. Davied Townes wife.	the widdow Lydia Hearick.
Mr. Solomon Dodges wife.	

THE WEMONS BACK PEU THE NORTH SIDE OF THE DORE
IN THE GALLERY.

Anna Symond.	Sarah Lake.
Heapsabath Wilds.	Rebaca Gould.
Mary Towne.	Hepzebath Symond.
Darkis Towne.	Ester Gould.
Mary Wildes.	Hannah Averell.
Jemime Fisk.	Hannah Wildes.
Phebe Dweniel.	Susanna Gallop.

THE WEMONS BACK PEU THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE DORE
IN THE GALLERY.

Loses Wildes.	Hannah Clark.
Salla Peobedey.	Lydia Wildes.
Hannah Peobedy.	Elisabeth Ramsdill.
Susanna Towne.	Elisabeth Gould.
Prissilla Baker.	Rebaca Gallup.
Anna Towne.	Elisabeth Rea.
Hannah Dweniel.	Rebaca Baltch.
Elisabeth Dodge.	

*"Mrs." here means "Mistress;" an unmarried woman.

THE OLD OAK AT TOPSFIELD.

BY JOHN ROBINSON.

There is in Topsfield, on the rising ground and quite near a brook, in the damp pasture belonging to the Essex Agricultural Society, and near the Pingree farm, a tree which is probably the oldest and, in trunk circumference, the largest white oak in Essex County.* The tree is evidently on the decline and, unless properly pruned and otherwise cared for, it will, at no distant day, decay and die. It is a picturesque tree and if, by good fortune, it happened to be upon one of the many farms now being improved for country homes, it would be cherished as one of the most interesting features of the estate.

In 1875, this tree measured twelve feet and eleven inches in circumference at five feet from the ground and shaded a space seventy-five feet in diameter. At the same time the Francis Curtis oaks at Boxford, five in number, measured from ten feet and one inch to eleven feet and one inch in circumference at the same point. In 1890, the Topsfield oak measured thirteen feet and seven inches and in 1901, fourteen feet and three inches in circumference.

Emerson, in his *Trees and Shrubs of Massachusetts*, after many careful comparisons, places the rate of growth of the white oak, at one inch in its diameter in five years after the tree is forty years old, with a somewhat greater increase before that. Using this estimate, the Topsfield oak would now be two hundred and eighty-five years old. Its own story, a

*For a picture of this tree, see *Topsfield Historical Collections*, Vol. VI, p. 67.

gain of sixteen inches in circumference in twenty-six years, would give it an age of two hundred and seventy-eight years. Averaging these estimates the tree may safely be regarded as two hundred and eighty-one years old. In this case the acorn from which this tree sprung germinated the year that the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock. It was a sapling when the town of Topsfield was settled; a large and vigorous tree when the farmers around it answered the call to arms in the War of the Revolution, and it has been spared from the axe to see this country become a nation of eighty million people, to say nothing of our imperial dependencies. This is not a fanciful picture but the story of the actual life of one tree.

A large white oak cut down some years since in Danvers showed two hundred and eleven rings of annual growth and one of the Francis Curtis oaks, felled within a few years, a tree about twelve feet in circumference, gave its age as about two hundred years.

Ancient trees are generally thought to be much older than they really are and it is quite probable that there is not now in Essex county any tree reaching three hundred years in age. Nor is it strange that there should be no very large or old oaks in the county, for when shipbuilding was at its height along our coast, every merchantable oak, capable of producing ships' knees or stern posts, was cut and sold for these purposes, so that no very aged oak,—no tree of the forest primeval,—now remains. Such oaks as we do possess, which are old, and which may be preserved still longer, ought to be cared for and saved and this old oak in the hill-side pasture at Topsfield seems to be the veteran oak of the county and its preservation should be a matter of public concern.

"LOWER CEMETERY" INSCRIPTIONS.

1833-1900.

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At a town-meeting held May 9, 1825, the town voted that "a committee of five be chosen to consider the subject of purchasing one or more burying grounds," and Elijah Cummings, Jacob Towne, jr., Sylvester Cummings, Samuel Hood and Daniel Bixby were chosen. The committee presented its report on June 1st, following, and the town voted to "purchase land for a new burying ground, the proprietors of the burying ground near Reuben Smith's and near David Cummings, to be exempted from paying any part of the expense of purchasing the land or fencing the same."

April 3, 1826, the town instructed the selectmen to "look up some suitable place or places for a Burying ground." The following month the selectmen reported, favoring an enlargement of the old burying-ground near Merriam's corner, but the town voted not to accept their report. A year later, May 15, 1827, Joseph Gould, Luke Towne, William Munday, Joseph Batchelder and Daniel Hobbs, jr., were chosen a committee to purchase land "for one or two new Burying grounds," and on May 15, 1828, just a year later, the town voted "to accept a piece of land which part of the Committee have agreed to purchase of Maj. Cornelius B. Bradstreet for a Burying Ground." On July 4, 1828, the land was deeded to the town, the consideration being \$125,00. Aug. 29, 1833, the town voted not to build "a good and sufficient fence around the lot of land that the Town purchased of Cornelius

B. Bradstreet in the year 1828 for a new Burying Ground.' The following November, an effort was made to have the town vote to sell the land that had been purchased for the new burying-ground. The endeavor was a failure, and the meeting voted "to sanction the doings of the Committee wherein they have agreed for the fencing of said land."

March 4, 1835, the town made choice of Nehemiah Cleaveland, Jacob Towne, jr., and Royal A. Merriam "to divide into Family Lots, the New Burying Ground." The following report was presented by them at a town-meeting held May 4, 1835, when it was accepted and adopted.

"The undersigned, a committee appointed at a Town-meeting holden in Topsfield on the 4th day of March, 1835, to divide into family lots the new burying ground, ask leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and have divided said ground, and laid out one hundred and fifty-four lots, and numbered the same, reserving an alley of ten feet in width through the centre from the gate to the west end—also an alley of four feet in width around the whole ground by the wall, and also an alley of three feet in width between each row of lots as by plan annexed,—leaving a portion on each side of the centre alley at the east end of the ground to be appropriated hereafter as the board of Selectmen for the time being shall direct. Your committee further report the following rules & regulations to be observed by the inhabitants of this town in all future time, in the use & management of said burying ground.

RULE 1st.—It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to record this report, including the number of each lot, as described on sale plan, in a book to be provided and kept for that purpose, and carefully deposite among the archives of the town the annexed plan of said burying ground.

RULE 2nd.—When the head of a family may wish to select one of the above named lots, he may apply to the Town Clerk, and having designated a lot, he shall write his name against the number chosen, and the lot so selected shall be forever appropriated to him, his family & posterity for the alone purpose of sepulture.

RULE 3rd.—No person will be allowed to use or occupy any part of said burying ground before making a selection of a lot as provided in the second rule. And all persons having selected a lot in said burying ground will be held duly to observe all the rules adopted by the town relating to to the same.

RULE 4th.—It shall be lawful for the inhabitants of said town who feel an interest in said burying ground to plant around the same, ornamental trees inside of the wall, or on the outside of the wall adjoining the public highway, under the direction of one or more of the Selectmen of the town for the time being.

RULE 5th.—No person shall infringe upon any lot in which he is not interested, or upon any of the ground reserved for alleys.

RULE 6th.—All cattle are hereby prohibited said ground forever, unless it should hereafter be judged, by the Selectmen, to be necessary to pasture sheep upon it, and the Board of Selectmen for the time being, are hereby requested to consider themselves the special conservators of the said burying ground, and of all the above written rules.

N. CLEAVELAND, }
JACOB TOWNE, } Committee."
R. A. MERRIAM. }

May 4th, 1835.

The "Lower Cemetery," as it is generally known, has its entrance on the Boston and Newburyport turnpike (Boston street) near the corner of Maple street. The oldest inscription is upon a stone erected to the memory of Mrs. Lois R. Carter, who died Aug. 20, 1833.

INSCRIPTIONS.

Benj. Adams, | Died | Mar. 3, 1849, | Aged 37.

Benjamin A. | Died | Jan. 1, 1845, | Æ. 3 y'rs 8 m's | &
21 d'ys | ——— | Ruth E. | Died | Feb. 16, 1845, | Æ. 15
m'os, | children of | Benjamin & | Eliza G. | Adams.

Eliza Lake | Wife of | Benjamin Adams | Died Jan. 6,
1889, | Aged 72 Yrs. | Laterly wife of | David Porter.

Mrs. R. J. Adams.

[Wooden sign.]

Andrew B. Balch, | died | June 24, 1865, | Æt. 62 yrs.
4 mo.

Edwin Wallace | Son of | Nehemiah & Mary | Ann Balch,
| died Mar. 6, 1838, | Æt. 6 mos.

Happy infant early blest,
Rest in peaceful slumber rest.

Eliza, | wife of | Benj. J. Balch, | died | Jan. 22, 1868, |
Aged 36 yrs. | & 8 mos.

George E. Balch | Died Jan. 11, 1874, | Æt. 35 yrs. | Alice
E. | Dau. of G. E. & Annie H. | Balch, | Died Feb. 6. 1874
| Æt. 4 yrs. 6 mos. | & 26 dys.

Hattie Webb, | Dau. of | Jeremiah & Mary E. | Balch |
Died July 5, 1853, | Æt. 3 yrs.

"Suffer little children to come unto me,
And forbid them not, for of such is the
Kingdom of heaven."

Hattie W. | died July 5, 1853 | aged 3 yrs. 1 mo. | Jeremiah P. | died May 24, 1856, | aged 13 mos. 12 dys. | Clarence L. | died Sept. 1, 1882, | aged 25 yrs. 4 mos. | children of Jeremiah & | Mary E. Balch. [Monument.]

Jeremiah P. | Son of | Jeremiah & Mary E. | Balch, Died May | 24th 1856, | Æt. 13 mos. 12 d's.

Bright beautiful being
we miss thee on earth;
We list for the sound
of thy innocent mirth,
But angels have borne thee
in silence away,
For us there is sorrow
for thee there is day.

John Balch, | died | October 21, 1837, | Æt. 61 yrs.

John C. Balch, | died | April 21, 1853, | Æt. 48 yrs. 5 mos.

Asleep in Jesus.

Mary, | Wife of | John Balch, | died Aug 23, 1856 | Æt. 76 yrs. 7 mos.

Mary Balch, | born | July 30, 1799, | died | May 18, 1873, | Æt. 73 yrs, 9 mos. 18 dys.

Mary A. | widow of | Nehemiah Balch, | Died April 3, 1889, | Aged 82 yrs. 9 mos. | & 11 ds.

"Not dead but sleepeth."

Moody Balch, | died | Nov. 16, 1852, | Æt. 58 yrs, & 9 ms.

Nehemiah Balch, | Died | Jan. 2, 1884, | Æt. 77 yrs.

Asleep in Jesus.

Perley Balch | died | May 2. 1858. Aged 75.

He was an honest man.

Rebecca P. | dau. of | John C. & Mary Ann | Balch, | died Mar. 20, 1864, | Æt. 26 yrs. 6 mos.

Blessed are the pure in heart.

Roger Balch, | died | Jan. 6, 1842, | Æt. 86 y's 7 m. | &
10 days.

Sarah | wife of Roger Balch, | died | Oct. 28, 1837, | Æt.
80 y's 3 m.

Sarah, | Wife of | Perley Balch, | died | March 23, 1865,
| Aged 76.

Blessed are the dead who die
in the Lord.

Hannah Jane | Bickers | died Aug 29th 1845 | aged 6
years | 6th Child of J. P. & Ann | Bickers of Nova Scotia

By foreign hands her dying eyes were clos'd
By foreign hands her decent limbs compos'd
By foreign hands to her humble grave was borne
By her Parents lov'd By her Parents mourn'd

Asa Bradstreet, | Died | Jan. 2, 1851, | Æt. 39.

Walter, | son of | Asa & Nancy | Bradstreet | Died | Oct.
18, 1845, | Æ. 18 ms. 25 ds.

Walter O! shall we forget thee!
they tell us that now,
The grave damp is staining that
beautiful brow,
But thy bright form returns in the
silence of sleep
And we start from our slumber
to listen and weep.

Mrs. Judith Burt, | died | Sept. 16, 1854 | Aged 77.

Mrs. Lois R. | wife of | Mr. Sylvester Carter, | died | Aug.
20, 1833, | Æt. 34.

George W. Creelman, | 1790-1861. | Catherine W. Creel-
man, | 1800-1853. | Their children | Mary Elizabeth, | 1833-
1836. | Catherine Mary, | 1840-1842. | Emma Wentworth, |
1844-1853. [Monument]

Emma Augusta | dau. of | Harriet A. Crowell, | Died
Aug. 7, 1851, | Æt. 2, mos.

All beautiful she stayed awhile
and spent her little day.
Then sweetly gave her last bright smile
and gently past away.

Otis F. Dodge | Died | Mar. 7, 1865, | Æt. 23 yrs. 7 mos.
| & 19 days.

A member of Co. F,
2d. Mass. Vols.

Wm. P. Dodge, | died Oct. 8, 1842, | aged 32 y'rs, 5 mo's.

Ah ! what is man ? how soon his race is run.
Our journey here below is scarce begun,
E're time arrests us, fate demands the soul,
And to the monster Death, we yield the whole.

Hannah E. | Daughter of | Ebenezer & Ruth | Eastman,
died | Sept. 7, 1842, | Aged 2 Yrs.

Ruth E. | Daughter of | Ebenezer & Ruth | Eastman, died
| Jan. 8, 1843, | Aged 10 Mos.

Thomas, | Son of | Ebenezer & Ruth | Eastman, died |
Sept. 5, 1842, | Aged 6 Yrs.

Mrs | Abigail Fisk, | Wife of | Jonas Fisk, | Died | in
Danvers | May 10, 1880, | Aged 82 yrs. 4 mos. & 7 ds.

"Asleep in Jesus."

Amos Fisk | Died | Sept. 9, 1850, | Æt. 49.

Elsey Fisk, | Born | May 3, 1798. | Died | March 5, 1874.
| Aged 75 yrs. 10 mos. | & 2 days.

Rev. | Jonas Fisk, | Died | in Danvers | Oct. 3, 1879, |
Aged 74 yrs. | & 4 mos.

"Blessed are the dead
which die in the Lord."

Husband | Jonas Fisk, | Died Dec. 17, 1891, | Aged 46
Yrs. 6 Mos.

Dearest loved one, we have laid thee
In the peaceful grave's embrace,
But thy memory will be cherished
Till we see thy heavenly face.

It is better further on.

Mehitable, | Widow of the late | Nathaniel Fisk, | died |
Sept. 16, 1864, | Æt. 92.

Mercy Peabody | Wife of | Amos Fisk, | Died Aug. 15,
1885. | Aged 80 yrs. 2 mos. | & 4 ds.

Nathaniel Fisk | Died | Nov. 20, 1849, | Æt. 85.

Rebecca Fisk | Died | Dec. 12, 1848, | Æt. 37.

Charles J. P. Floyd | Died | June 1, 1890 | Aged 61 yrs. |
Member of | Co. F, 23^d Regt. | Mass. Vol's.

John C. F. | son of | Charles J. P. & Elizabeth C. | Floyd,
| Died June 17, 1859; | Aged 1 yr. 3 mos. | & 11 ds.

See! Israel's gentle shepherd stands,
With all engaging charms.
Hark! how he calls the tender lambs,
And folds them in his arms.

Mary H. | Dau't of | James & Elizabeth | Fuller | died
Oct. 19, 1840 | Aged 11 mos.

Mrs. Hannah Fullerton, | Died | May 1, 1855, | Æt. 63.

In Memory of | Sabra Getchell, | of Lyman Me. | Who
died at Topsfield | Oct. 1, 1837, | Æt. 21 yrs. & 5 ms.

Thus fades our sweetest comforts here,
Our dearest friends they disappear,
When the loud call from God is given,
They sleep in death to wake in heaven.

Charles L. Gunnison | Jan. 1, 1870, | Aug. 7, 1898.

John H. Gunnison | 1822-1897. | Co. G. 23 Reg. Mass.
Vols.

Ah! no more amid the battle
Shall thy heart exulting swell.

Ruth R. | Wife of | George W. Hubbard. | died | July 4,
1854, | aged 44 y'rs. | George H. | died Jan. 29, 1844.

In memory of | Elizabeth, | wife of | Isaac Killam. | Died
in Salem, Apr. 1, 1857. | Aged 83.

In Memory of | Capt. Isaac Killam, | who died | March 18,
1840; | Aged 68.

Mary L. F. | Killam* | dau. of | Benj. & Mary | Facett, |
born at | Northboro, Mass. | died at Topsfield, | May 7, 1842,
| Æt. 18 yrs.

A. A. Lake, | 1811-1892. | Mary A. his wife | 1812-1893.
[Monument]

A. A. Lake | 1839-1900. [Monument]

Eleazer Lake, | Died Dec. 9, 1844, | Æt. 66. | Ruth, his
wife | Died Aug. 13, 1846, | Æt. 66.

Farewell my dear children, we bid you adieu,
Our Saviour calls for us, unto him we must go;
To praise him in heaven, where angels adore,
And shout hallelujahs on Caanan's blest shore.

Enos Lake, | 1779-1844 | Anna his wife | 1783-1845 |
Zaccheus G. | their son | 1813-1835. [Monument]

Henry W. | only child | of Mr. Joel & Mrs. | Mehitabel
Lake, | died | April 7, 1834, | Aged 9 years & | 7 days.

Howard Wesley, | Son of | John B. & Amelia H. | Lake |
Died Oct. 12, 1859. | Æt. 3 y'rs, 8 mo's | & 22 d's.

Sweet child, thou art no more a blossom
of the earth,
But oh! our hearts, our stricken hearts,
lean to thee, love,
And thus they lean to heaven, for thou
art there.

James Lake, | died Nov. 6th 1857, | aged 77 years, | Also,
| Sally, | his wife | died Sept. 18th 1842, | aged 59 years.

Father. | John B. Lake | member of Co. F. | 23^d Reg't.
Mass. Vol's. | Died Feb. 9, 1878, | Aged 60 yrs. | & 11 mos.

Farewell but not forever,
We shall meet beyond the river.

Joel Lake | Died | May 1, 1860, | Æt. 56 yrs. 7 ms. | &
15 days.

Lizzie W. Lake, | 1841-1894. [Monument]

*Adopted daughter of Capt. Isaac Killam.

Mehitable, | Wife of | Joel Lake, | Died July 26, 1881, |
Aged 76 yrs, | 3 mos.

Marietta B, | Daughter of W. G. & | Mehitable Lake. |
Died Nov. 15, 1845. | Æt. 9 yrs, 11 mos. | & 2 days.

This tender bud the being of an hour,
We fast embraced; but ere the morning flower
Had half unfolded its engaging charms,
Was called from ours to Jesus arms.

Mehitable B. Lake | wife of | Wm. G. Lake, | died | July
24, 1891 | age 77 yrs.

"Dear is the spot where christians sleep,
And sweet the strains that angels pour,
Oh! why should we in anguish weep?
They are not lost, but gone before."

William G. Lake, | Died | January 10, 1853, | Æt. 44 yrs,
7 mos.

Elizabeth L. | Wife of Thomas | L. Lane, | died Oct. 22,
| 1845, | Æ. 24 Y'S.

Prepare for death and follow me.

Mary Ann, | dau. of Thomas L. | Lane, | died Oct. 2,
1844. | Æ. 1 year. | Also an infant | died May 6, 1845.

Not lost, but gone before.

Thomas L. Lane | Died | Dec. 29, 1856, | Æ. 40 yrs.

Elizabeth C. | Wife of | Joseph Lovett, | died Dec. 6, 1840,
| Æt. 25 yrs. & 8 m's.

Mother | Sarah A. Lovett, | died | Sept. 26, 1882, | Aged
70 y's. 11 m's. | Father | Joseph Lovett, | died | June 5 |
1865, | Aged 55 y's, 11 m's.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

John M. Lowell | 1844-1893. [Lake monument]

Catharine B. Morse, | widow of | Daniel Chapman, | died
May 26, 1890, | Æ. 81 yrs, 8 mos.

There the weary be at rest.

John Parkinson, | died | March 12, 1873, | Aged 71 yrs.

Mother | Abigail Peabody, | Born Jan. 26, 1808, | Died
Nov. 27, 1891, | Aged 83 yrs. 10 mos.

Her children arise up
and call her blessed.

In memory of | Mr. Daniel, | son of Mr. John & | Mrs.
Lydia Peabody, | who died | Nov. 12, 1833; | Æt. 36.

Rest weary wanderer rest, thy toils are o'er,
And doubt and fear and gloom oppress no more,
Supprised with joy while dust returns to dust,
The trembling spirit mounts and mingles with the just.

Miss | Deborah Peabody | died | Jan. 28, 1842, | Aged
82 yrs.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints."

Eben Peabody | died | Jan. 30, 1871, | Æt. 67 yrs. 3 mos.

He is not here, he has ascended to
the bosom of his Father and his God.

In memory of | Mr. | John Peabody, | who died | June 22,
1836. | Æt. 74.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

His sun from clouds broke forth with softened ray,
And faith and hope crowned all his closing day.

[Revolutionary soldier]

Lydia | widow of | John Peabody, | died Apr. 18, 1854, |
Æt. 89 yrs.

What no human eye hath seen,
What no mortal ear hath heard,
What no thought hath never been,
In its noblest flights confer'ed,
This hath God prepared in store
For his people evermore.

Mary E. | Dau. of | Eben & Abigail | Peabody, | Died |
June 24, 1879, | Aged 36 yrs. & 9 mos.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

William Arthur, | Son of | Ebeneser & Abigail | Peabody
| Died Sept. 15, 1851, | Æt. 2 yrs.

This lovely bud, so young and fair,
Called home by early doom,
Just came to show how sweet a flower
In heaven above shall bloom.

In memory of | Abigail Jane, | Daughter of | Mr. Thomas
and | Mrs. Sarah Perkins, | who died | Oct. 24, 1839; Aged
17.

This lovely bud, so young and fair;
Called hence by early doom
Just came to show how sweet a flower,
In Paradise would bloom.

Abigail S. | Wife of Robert S. | Perkins, | Died | Sept. 9,
1845, | Æ. 22 y's.

Thou too must die, Prepare! Prepare!

Albert S. | Son of | Nathaniel & Lucy P. | Perkins, | Died
| April 11, 1846; | Aged 10 Months.

Frail smiling solace
of an hour.

Amos Perkins, | died | Sept. 8, 1851, | Æt. 63 yrs. 7 mos.
| Betsey, | wife of | Amos Perkins, | Died Sept. 12, 1872, |
Æt. 82 yrs. 5 mos. | Emily A, | Dau. of | Amos & Betsey |
Perkins, | Died Nov. 26, 1846, | Æt. 20 yrs. [Monument]

Amos Perkins | died | Nov. 29, 1894, | Æt. 83 y'rs, 10 m's
& 17 d'ys.

"Rest, aged saint! Thy pilgrim staff lay down,
Now take the palm branch and the blood
bought crown."

Augusta L. | wife of | George H. Perkins, | Died | Aug.
20, 1860, | Æt. 28 y'rs, 8 mo's.

Calm on the bosom of thy God,
Sweet spirit rest thee now!
E'er while with us thy footsteps trod,
His seal was on thy brow.

Benjamin Perkins | Died | April 2, 1858, | Æt. 72 yrs. |
Lucy A Cole, | died Jan. 24, 1844, | Æt. 26 yrs.

Dudley Perkins, | Died | Sept. 2, 1879, | Aged 83 yrs. 9 mos. | & 27 dys.

In memory of | Elijah Perkins, | Who died | Oct. 31, 1851, | Æt. 86.

Esther J. | Dau. of | Amos & Betsey | Perkins, | Died. Aug. 11, 1854, | Æt. 22 yrs. [Monument]

Eunice, | Wife of | Amos Perkins, | died | Dec. 31, 1878, | Æt. 67 y'rs, 3 m's & 10 d'ys.

Ezra Perkins, | Died Apr. 26, 1859. | Aged 80 yrs. | Elizabeth, | His wife, | Died Apr. 9, 1850, | Aged 69 yrs.

George C. | son of | Nath^l Jr. & Lucy | Perkins, | Died | Dec. 28, 1858, | Æt, 20 y'rs, 10 ms.

So fair, so young, so gentle, so sincere,
So loved, so early lost, demands a tear.

Judith, | wife of | Nathaniel Perkins, | Died | Apr. 29, 1858, | Æt, 70.

Lucy P. | Wife of | Nathaniel Perkins, Jr. | Died | Nov. 1, 1888. | Aged 75 yrs. 6 ds.

Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep.

Lydia, | Wife of | William B. Perkins. | Died Feb. 3, 1876, | Aged 77 yrs, | & 9 mos.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Mary Elizabeth | Daughter of | Dudley & Sarah Perkins, died | Oct. 24, 1844, | Aged 16 Yrs. | and 3 Months.

Deep in the cold and silent grave,
We've laid the form we loved so well,
Her life no earthly power could save,
Her spirit here no more shall dwell.

Mehitable K. | Daughter of | Thomas & Sarah | Perkins, | died Dec. 12, 1841, | Æt. 21.

We may weep as her soft eyes lustrous
light is forever lost on earth.

Mr. Nathaniel | Perkins Jr. | Died | Jan. 22, 1846 | Æ. 32
y'rs.

All, all on earth is shadow;
All beyond is substance.

Nathaniel Perkins, | Died | Aug. 31, 1854, | Aged 68.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Rodney D. Perkins, | Died | Aug. 31, 1859. | Æt, 38 y'rs,
6 mo's.

He's gone! the voyage of human life is o'er.
And weeping friends shall see his face no more.
Far from the tenderest objects of his love.
He dies, to find a happier world above.
Around this monument his friends appear.
To embalm his precious memory with a tear.

Mrs. Ruth, | Wife of | Elijah Perkins, | Died | Aug. 3,
1836, | Aged 69 Yrs. | and 3 Months.

In Memory of | Mrs. Sarah, | Wife of | Mr. Thomas Per-
kins, | who died | Nov. 24, 1837; | Aged 54.

Far from affliction, toil and care,
The happy soul has fled;
The breathless day shall slumber here
Among the silent dead.

Sarah, | wife of | Dudley Perkins, | Died Dec. 2, 1874, |
Aged 81 yrs, | & 5 mos.

Thomas Perkins, | Died | May 23, 1841, | Æt, 61.

He is not here—his soul has fled,
To realms of endless day;
Jesus the friend of all, has said,
To heaven I lead the way.

William B. Perkins, | died | December 5, 1868, | Aged 62
yrs. | & 8 mos.

A husband kind, a Father dear,
A true friend lies sleeping here.

William P. | Son of | Amos & Betsey | Perkins, | Died Nov.
17, 1852, | Æt. 24 yrs. [Monument]

Joseph R. | son of Moses E. & | Lydia W. Pettengill, |
died | Aug. 17, 1856, | Æ. 5 mo's.

Beloved of my bosom, go!
Jesus calls thee hence away.
While I mourn thy loss below,
Thou dost dwell in endless day.

Lydia W. | wife of | Moses E. Pettengill | Feb. 22, 1828 |
July 13, 1897 | Gone home | Mother.

Moses E. Pettengill, | Died | Dec. 2, 1857, | Aged 32.

Thy bright form has fled from earth,
When thou wert doubly dear;
And when we learned to know thy worth
Thou wert no longer here.

John Hood, | son of Timothy M. & | Adeline G. Phillips, |
died | Nov. 9, 1844, Æt. 2 yrs. 10 ms, | & 10 days.

Mr. | John Phillips, | Died | Sept. 24, 1840 | Aged 28.

Strong were the ties that bound thee here,
To many friends, to some most dear;
Sudden and awful was the stroke,
These tender earthly ties that broke,
Thy name, thy worth, through years untold,
Undying memory shall hold.

Rebecca Gould, | Infant Daughter of | Timothy M. and |
Adeline G. Phillips | died March 1, 1844, | Aged 23 days. |
Also their Infant Son.

Happy infants early bless'd,
Rest in peaceful slumber rest,
Early rescu'd from the cares,
Which increase with growing years.

In memory of | Sarah P. | wife of | Asa B. Pingree, | who
died | July 2, 1851; | Æt. 43.

Calm on the bosom of thy God,
Fair spirit, rest thee now;
E'en while with us thy footsteps trod
His seal was on thy brow.

Dust to its narrow house beneath,
Soul to its place on high;
They that have seen thy look in death
No more may fear to die.

Mother | Anne Eliza | wife of | Benjamin Poole | born |
Sept. 1, 1819, | died | Apr. 30, 1892.

Benjamin Poole jr | born Oct. 12, 1843, | died July 28,
1882.

Orlando B. Poole | Born Apr. 6, 1845, | Died July 12,
1897.

Eliza Lake | Wife of | Benjamin Adams | Died Jan. 6,
1889, | Aged 72 Yrs. | Laterly wife of | David Porter.

Rev. Henry Pratt, | Born | Salisbury, Ct. | Jan. 11, 1825. |
Died | Topsfield | Apr. 19, 1880.

"And he was not; for
God took him."

Mary J. Ray | Died | Oct. 25, 1859, | Æt. 59 yrs. 4 mo's.

Anna Rea | Died | Dec. 18, 1863, | Æt. 86 Years.

Israel Rea, | Died | April 23, 1839, | Aged 77.

Lois L. Rea, | Wife of | Israel Rea, | Died June 12, 1835,
| aged 66.

Lucy C. Stone | Wife of | Dexter Rollins. | Born Feb. 5,
1835, | Died Feb. 28, 1878.

Mrs. Anna B. Stanwood | died Oct. 22, 1842; | aged 52.

Sleep form beloved, thy spirit
Hath pass'd from earth away,
And now enjoys the christian's rest
Mid realms of endless day.

In Memory of | Mrs. Lucy P. Stone, | Wife of | Mr. Oren
J. Stone, | who died | Feb. 19, 1842; | Aged 30.

Charles Sweeney, | Died Jan. 7, 1871, | Aged 78 Yrs, |
His Wife | Anna H. Sweeney, | Died Feb. 24, 1893, | Aged
83 Yrs. 4 mos.

Eleanor A. Sweeney | wife of | John H. Gunnison | 1835-
1878.

Miles Sweeney, | Died March 25, 1876, | Aged 79 Yrs.
9 Mos. | His Wife | Huldah Lake, | Died April 15, 1883, |
Aged 76 Yrs. 11 Mos.

Our Parents.

Out of darkness into light.*

Elbridge G. Towne | Died May 16, | 1848, | aged 38 yrs.

Death hath conquered me,
And by its darts I'm slain,
But Christ has conquered thee,
And I shall rise again.

Jacob Towne, | Died | April 30, 1835, | Aged 84. | Mar-
tha, | His Wife, | Died July 30, 1861, | Aged 78.

There is rest for the weary.

In Memory of | Mrs. Mary A. Wallace, | Widow of the
late | Joshua Wallace | of Beverly, | who died | March 7,
1843; | Aged 32.

James Waters | Died Nov. 2, 1885, | Aged 55 yrs.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.

Catherine K. Wells, | Aug. 27, 1817. | June 19, 1896.

At rest.

In Memory of | Miss | Eunice B. Wells, | who died | Sept.
13, 1838, | Aged 30 Yrs. | and 6 months.

Blessed are the dead, who
die in the Lord.

Nathaniel B. Wells, | Died | Mar. 22, 1859, | Aged 89 yrs.
| Ruth J. Wells, | Died | Apr. 26, 1855, | Aged 71 yrs. |
9 mos.

William H. Wildes | Died Feb. 2, 1872, | Æt. 28 yrs.
2 ms. 5 ds. | A member of Co. C. 2nd | Regt. Mass. Vols. |
Freddie W. | only son of | Wm. H. & Dora Wildes | Died
Apr. 25, 1872, | Æt. 10 ms. 25 ds.

Ashes for beauty, by the grave is given.
Beauty for ashes, is the change for Heaven.

Our darling | Willie.

Suffer little children
to come unto me.

*This stone was erected to the memory of Eben Towne, who died July 11, 1858, aged 75 years; and his wife, Lydia (Averill) Towne, who died Nov. 27, 1859, aged 78 years.

TOPSFIELD VILLAGE IN 1800.

BY SIDNEY PERLEY.

The frontispiece of this volume is a map of the village of Topsfield, as it was in 1800. It is based on actual surveys and title deeds, and is drawn on a scale of forty-five rods or seven hundred and fifty feet to an inch. It shows the location of houses that were standing within the territory included in the map in 1800.

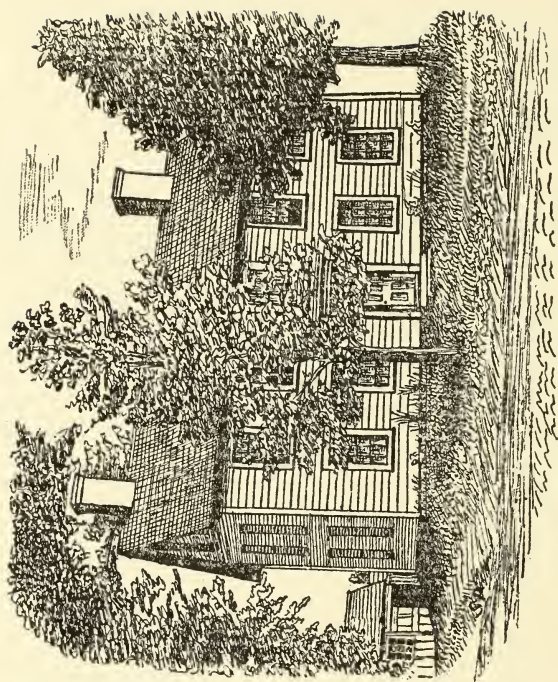
The main street was a highway probably before 1668.

March 16, 1668-9, what is now Haverhill street, was laid out "from Topsfield meeting house, along vnder the North East Syde of the Hill called bare Hill, along as the trees are marked, over the brooke by Ephraim Dormans House, and so along the plaine, called the Pine plaine, trees being marked, to the end of Baker's Pond, and over the brooke at the pond end, by William Pritchetts house as the trees are marked, vnto the high way y^t comes betweene Andover and Ipswich and so along that High way."* In 1669, also, was laid out the Boxford road from Endecott's farm on the north side of Ipswich river in Boxford, past Kinsman's corner, on the north side of the common land, to the meeting-house in the burying-ground.†

In the sketches that follow, titles and deeds referred to pertain to the houses and land under and adjoining them, and not always to the whole lot, the design being to give the history of the houses standing in 1800.

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 6, leaf 305.

†See records of Salem Quarterly Court, 1666-1679, leaf 24.



THE MERRIAM-TODD HOUSE.

THE BURYING-GROUND. This burying-ground is quite old, though the oldest stone remaining there, which bears an intelligible date, is marked "1717." Previous to the year 1663, the meeting-house is said to have been located not far from the "Dry Bridge", and near the cellar of the Sylvanus Wildes house, but when Rev. Thomas Gilbert was settled, Nov. 4, 1663, the families living in Rowley Village (Boxford) agreed to contribute to the minister's salary if the meeting-house was placed at a more convenient location for them, and accordingly a new meeting-house was erected in the southeastern corner of this burial place, which was then very small. It is probable that the opening of the cemetery dates from the time the meeting-house was built, the English custom of interring the dead around the church being followed.

In 1672, the "Villagers" (the Boxford settlers) were allowed to build a Sabbath-day-house and a shed in which to shelter their horses; and in Sept. 1675, as a precaution against the Indians, a stone wall, five or six feet high and three feet broad at the bottom, was built around the meeting-house. On the south side the wall was twelve feet, and on the other three sides ten feet from the building. Within this wall, at the southeast corner, a watch-house, ten feet square, was built, and this was called, in the beginning of the eighteenth century, the "Old meeting house fort."

This old meeting-house stood here until 1703, when a new one was built on the site of the present Congregational church on the "Common," and the old one was sold for five pounds to John Gould, who removed it near to what is now the turnpike, using it for a barn.

DR. JOHN MERRIAM HOUSE. Thomas Foster of Topsfield conveyed this field of twelve and a half acres to Dr. John Merriam of Topsfield, Feb. 11, 1796;* and upon it the purchaser immediately erected the house now standing there, and shown in the accompanying engraving. The estate passed to the ownership of Dr. Royal A. Merriam, who conveyed the house and lot, Feb. 14, 1856, to Samuel Todd,† who owned the place until his death.

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 172, leaf 30.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 527, leaf 45.

DANIEL PERKINS HOUSE. Daniel Hood of Topsfield, housewright, perhaps owned a half interest in this lot, and the large lot of Dr. John Merriam adjoining, June 1, 1778, when he bought a half interest in the same of Oliver Perkins of Topsfield, yeoman, for one hundred pounds.* Mr. Hood erected the house now known as the Conant house, and shown in the accompanying engraving, immediately following his purchase. He occupied the house and land until March 31, 1784, when he sold the estate to Dr. John Merriam of Topsfield.†

Dr. Merriam conveyed the house and little lot on which it stood to Daniel Perkins of Salem, mariner, Oct. 9, 1797.‡ and removed to his new house across the street. Mr. Perkins died in 1800, while returning from Batavia, on the *Franklin*, of which he was second-mate. He was a native of Topsfield; and had for many years dispensed liquors at the Sun Tavern in Salem. He was probably unmarried, as he devised this house and lot to his sisters Hannah and Peggy Perkins of Topsfield. They conveyed the house and lot to Aaron Conant of Topsfield, trader, June 18, 1806;§ and the estate remained in the possession of this family until Sept. 29, 1888, when it was sold to Mrs. Carrie F. Clerk, who afterwards married Philip Palmer.

SIMON BRADSTREET LOT. This lot belonged to Simon Bradstreet of Topsfield, laborer, in 1778. There was a small house upon it that he had bought of Stephen Waters before 1784. May 7, 1787, Mr. Bradstreet conveyed the house to Thomas Emerson of Topsfield, gentleman.|| Mr. Emerson probably removed the house to his land across the street, the present Andrews house perhaps being the house. The house probably continued in the possession of Mr. Emerson until his death in 1813. His estate was sued by Sarah Ann Emerson of Danvers, singlewoman, and this small house and the land around it was assigned to her in satisfaction of her execution, Aug. 31, 1832.¶ She conveyed the house and land to Nehemiah Cleaveland, Esq., and Moses Wildes, gen-

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 142, leaf 224.

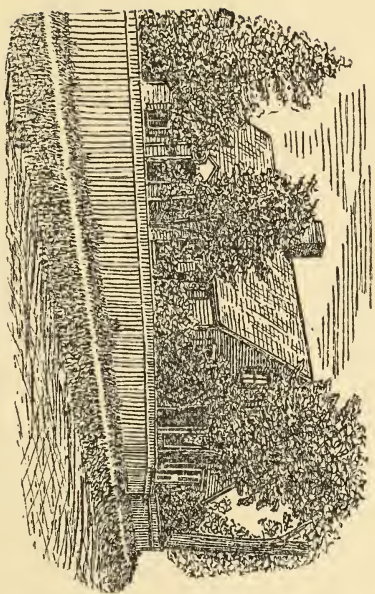
†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 142, leaf 225.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 162, leaf 247.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 178, leaf 303.

||Essex Registry of Deeds, book 146, leaf 289.

¶Records of Executions, book 6, leaf 127.



THE PERKINS-MERRIAM-CONANT-PALMER HOUSE.

tleman, both of Topsfield, Aug. 20, 1833.* Upon the death of Thomas Emerson in 1813, under his will this house and land descended to his son Billy Emerson who mortgaged it in 1830, to Messrs. Cleaveland and Wildes,† and March 21, 1834, they sold it to John Emerson of Norwich, Vt.‡ June 2, 1835, John Emerson conveyed the house and land to Gilbert Brownell of Boston, merchant.§ In 1843, Messrs. Cleaveland and Wildes released the premises to Mr. Brownell.|| The house was known as the Falls house, June 20, 1850, when Mr. Brownell conveyed it with a small lot of land, to Elisha P. Andrews of Topsfield,¶ in whose family the title has since been.

THOMAS EMERSON HOUSE. The proprietors of the common lands in Topsfield, for fourteen pounds, conveyed the southern end of this lot (two acres and twenty rods) to Rev. John Emerson of Topsfield, March 7, 1733.** Mr. Emerson died in 1774, having devised the mansion-house to his son Thomas Emerson. Thomas, died in 1813, having devised it to his son Billy Emerson, who erected the present house, three stories in height, retaining a part of the old house, said to be the Parson's study, in the present structure. Billy Emerson mortgaged it in 1830,† and Mehitable Emerson, widow of Thomas Emerson, to whom it had been assigned, conveyed the estate to Gilbert Brownell, June 5, 1835.†† The house was occupied by Billy Emerson as long as he lived. He died Nov. 2, 1835. Mr. Brownell conveyed the estate to Humphrey Balch of Topsfield, gentleman, July 9, 1852;‡‡ and it has remained in the possession of the family of the latter ever since.

CAPEN HOUSE. This house was built on land granted by the town to Rev. Joseph Capen, and laid out to him Feb. 28, 1682-3. The lot contained twelve acres; and the house was

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 275, leaf 124.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 257, leaf 198.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 275, leaf 125.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 281, leaf 162.

||Essex Registry of Deeds, book 351, leaves 285 and 286.

¶Essex Registry of Deeds, book 430, leaf 25.

**Essex Registry of Deeds, book 65, leaf 269.

††Essex Registry of Deeds, book 286, leaf 215.

‡‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 463, leaf 200.

probably built within a few years.* Here Mr. Capen subsequently lived. He died July 30, 1725, and the house and land descended to his children, becoming the property of his son Nathaniel, who conveyed the "old house", and land around it, to John Baker of Boxford, yeoman, March 17, 1746.† Mr. Baker conveyed the estate to Edmund Putnam of Danvers, Feb. 24, 1753.‡ Mr. Putnam came here and lived until he conveyed the house and lot to Rev. John Emerson of Topsfield, May 10, 1758.§ Mr. Emerson died in 1774, and in his will devised his real estate to his son Thomas Emerson, who died in 1813, having devised this estate to his son Joseph Emerson. He says in his will, which was made nearly two years before he died, "I am preparing to build a house and barn on this lot for my said son Joseph." Joseph Emerson died June 17, 1826, and the estate descended to his daughter, Harriet J., who became the wife of the late Charles H. Holmes, Esq., in whose family and estate the title has since remained.

AVERILL HOUSE. This house stood a short distance south from the Capen house. The site was a part of the homestead of Rev. Joseph Capen, and was conveyed by his son Nathaniel Capen of Topsfield, joiner, to Nathaniel Moulton of Ipswich, cordwainer, Sept. 27, 1737.¶ He probably built the house that afterward stood there the next year, and, Oct. 31, 1741, when he was of Andover, he conveyed the land and buildings to Francis Simons of Topsfield, weaver.¶ Mr. Simons conveyed the house and lot to Nathaniel Fuller, jr., of Ipswich, tailor, March 3, 1741-2.** Mr. Fuller removed to Groton, Mass., and sold the estate to Ruth Somes, widow

*The following appears upon the church records. "May 24, [16]86. At a Church meeting at my house were chosen two Deacons, Isaak Cumins & Nehemiah Abbot, my Landlord and goodman Estie being also in nomination." It will be noticed that the "Parson" speaks of "my house" and yet mentions "my Landlord", as though he was then occupying a rented house. For picture of this house, see *Topsfield Hist. Colls.*, Vol. VI., p. 49.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 91, leaf 36.

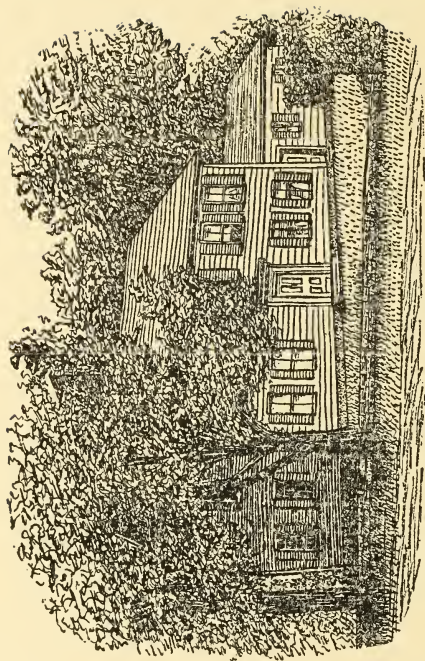
‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 98, leaf 210.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 113, leaf 103.

¶Essex Registry of Deeds, book 80, leaf 128.

¶Essex Registry of Deeds, book 82, leaf 97.

**Essex Registry of Deeds, book 82, leaf 98.



THE KIMBALL-WILDES-HUTCHINGS HOUSE.

of Ebenezer Somes, late of Gloucester, then of Topsfield, Dec. 9, 1743.* Isaac Fitts married Mrs. Somes, and lived in Danvers. June 3, 1752, they conveyed the house and lot to Jacob Averill, jr., of Topsfield, joiner.† The place remained in the Averill family until about 1805, when it was conveyed to Thomas Emerson, who probably took the house down about 1812.

THE COMMON. This is "common and undivided land" and was the training-field of the early days, and is mentioned as such from 1731 to 1811.

THE MEETING-HOUSE. The first meeting-house to occupy this site was erected in 1703. This was a small hill, which was then cut down to make a suitable location for the meeting-house, which was forty-four feet long and forty-two wide. The pulpit and some of the timbers of the old meeting house were used in the construction of the new. In 1760, it was superseded by another on the same site. This also passed away in 1843 when the present one was completed, the old one being carried to Salem, where, on Boston street, it has done useful service as a tannery for over fifty years.

SCHOOL HOUSE. The school house, in which was kept the Middle school in 1800, stood at the right of the meeting-house. It was built in 1795, and this and a succeeding building that stood on the Town Hall site, were used until 1868, when the Academy building was purchased by the town and used for the public schools.

JACOB KIMBALL HOUSE. Rev. John Emerson sold this lot to Isaac Fitts in 1749, and the latter's widow, Ruth Fitts of Danvers, conveyed it to Jacob Kimball, jr., blacksmith, Oct. 28, 1755.‡ Mr. Kimball built thereon the present house. May 12, 1803, he conveyed one-half of the house and lot to his son Benjamin Kimball, of Topsfield, blacksmith;§ and Benjamin conveyed it to Moses Wildes, jr., of Topsfield, blacksmith, March 5, 1808.|| The father died in 1812; and his son Jacob Kimball, Esq., conveyed the remaining half-interest to Mr. Wildes, April 3, 1813.¶ The

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 100, leaf 262.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 96, leaf 249.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 104, leaf 101.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 171, leaf 287.

||Essex Registry of Deeds, book 182, leaf 235.

¶Essex Registry of Deeds, book 199, leaf 172.

place has remained in the Wildes family until within a few years. Jacob Kimball was born in this house in 1761, and graduated at Harvard College in 1780. He practised law at Amherst, N. H., and was noted as a composer of music, being the author of the "Rural Harmony", 1793; and "Essex Harmony", 1800. The blacksmith's shop of Wildes and the Kimballs stood on the opposite side of the road from the house.

SAMUEL HOOD HOUSE. This was the site of the tavern of Daniel and Dan Clark, and was probably the same house that had stood here more than a century. It was the property of Daniel Clark in 1698, of Dan Clark in 1755, and of Daniel Clark in 1765. Daniel Clark of Topsfield, gentleman, conveyed the estate to Thomas Porter of Topsfield, gentleman, April 10, 1781,* and removed to the West Parish of Rowley (now the town of Georgetown), living where the late residence of T. G. Elliott stands. Mr. Porter conveyed the place to Rev. Daniel Breck, then pastor of the church here, May 10, 1781.† Mr. Breck conveyed the house and lot to Samuel Hood of Topsfield, housewright, May 3, 1786.‡ Mr. Hood lived here, and conveyed the house, barn and land to John Rea, 3d, of Topsfield, trader, May 2, 1821.§ Mr. Rea conducted a tavern here until the buildings were entirely burned by an incendiary on the night of Oct. 16, 1836.||

THOMAS PERKINS HOUSE. This was the house of Zaccheus Perkins in 1713, and became the property of his son, Thomas Perkins, before 1731. The latter was a blacksmith, and died in 1786, having devised his real estate to his son Thomas, who was also a blacksmith. Thomas conveyed this house and lot to Samuel Hood of Topsfield, housewright, July 2, 1810.¶ Mr. Hood sold the buildings and land to Edmund Parker of Topsfield, and John H. Lerner of Cambridge, Aug. 27, 1810,** and they conveyed the same to William Hubbard and Zaccheus Gould, jr., of Topsfield,

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 141, leaf 77.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 141, leaf 78.

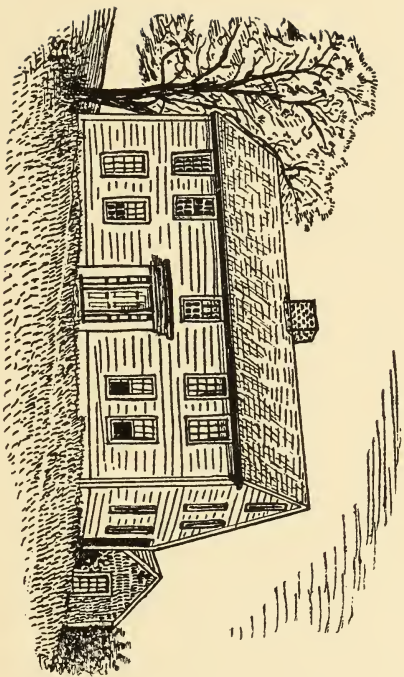
‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 145, leaf 158.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 226, leaf 114.

||See Topsfield Hist. Colls., Vol. I., pp. 7, 30.

¶Essex Registry of Deeds, book 191, leaf 51.

**Essex Registry of Deeds, book 191, leaf 159.



THE PERKINS-HUBBARD HOUSE.

April 13, 1812.* The property is now owned by Job H. Frame.

JOHN BAKER (CELLAR) LOT. Zaccheus Perkins of Topsfield, yeoman, conveyed this lot to Thomas Goodale of Topsfield, joiner, Nov. 22, 1713.† Mr. Goodale mortgaged it, with a house thereon, in 1718.‡ Administration on his estate was granted to his widow Phebe Goodale, Nov. 7, 1720. In the inventory of the estate, his land and buildings were subject to a mortgage. The mortgage executed in 1718, was discharged in 1721, and the house, standing in 1724, was gone before 1761. Perhaps this house was removed to the John Baker lot on the north, there to become the ell of the J. Porter Gould house about 1800.

NEHEMIAH CLEAVELAND HOUSE. This house was probably the same that Jacob Robinson of Topsfield, died possessed of in 1730. It was next owned by his son Jacob Robinson who conveyed the estate to Elijah Porter of Topsfield, March 28, 1761.§ Mr. Porter became involved, and the estate passed into the hands of Dr. Nehemiah Cleaveland about 1795. The house was remodeled by Dr. Cleaveland and finally taken down in 1873 by Joseph E. Stanwood who erected in its place the present house which is now the Children's Home.

DAVID BALCH HOUSE. This lot was apparently a part of the estate of Jacob Robinson of Topsfield, who died in 1730. In the inventory of his estate is mentioned "timber for a dwelling house and about eleven hundred of slit work and eight or nine hundred of pine board." These were probably the materials of which this house was constructed, soon after Mr. Robinson's death, by his son John, to whom this lot had been released by the heirs. John Robinson lived in Topsfield, being a husbandman, and conveyed this estate to David Balch of Topsfield, yeoman, April 26, 1734.|| He removed to Nottingham-West, N. H. Mr. Balch died in 1769, having devised the estate to his son David. David Balch, jr., was a

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 195, leaf 292.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 26, leaf 231.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 37, leaf 169.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 119, leaf 175.

||Essex Registry of Deeds, book 73, leaf 173.

tanner, and died in 1787, having devised his real estate to his sons, David, Thomas and Joshua. The tanyard was across the road. The estate came into the hands of David, who died in 1812, and from him its title descended to his son Abraham, who lived upon it and died possessed of it a few years ago. The house has since been transformed into a barn, and the property is now owned by Charles V. Jackman. The house was one of the ancient lean-to houses, similar in design to the Thomas Perkins house shown on page 137.

AMMUNITION USED BY TOPSFIELD MEN AT THE CONCORD FIGHT, 1775.

COMMUNICATED BY CHARLES WOODBERRY.

[From Massachusetts Archives, Vol. 157, page 519.]

Province of the	}	To the Honorable the general Court.
Massachusetts Bay.	}	Com ^{tee} Accounts Now Setting at Watertown.

The Selectmen of Topsfield hereby Exhibit for allowance the account of the powder and Lead that the Said Selectmen Delivered out of the Town Stock, to the Minute men and Others, to the Number of Thirty Two in the whole—and all of this Town. It being, what they Expended in the Engagement with the Ministerial Troops, on their Retreat from Concord on the Nineteenth day of April last.

Viz. One quarter of a pound of Powder to each man, Amounting in the whole to Eight pounds of powder	8 ^{lb}
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And also to each man Twelve Leaden Bullets Amounting in w ^t to Seventeen pounds	17 ^{lb}
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By Order of the Selectmen of Topsfield

p^r Sam^l Smith.

Topsfield, April the 11th 1776.

VITAL STATISTICS OF TOPSFIELD, MASS.,

FOR THE YEAR 1901.

BIRTHS.

1901.

- Jan. 5. Frederick Osborne, son of Jacob J. and Lucy Helen (Lake) Hardy.
Jan. 19. John Kenneth, son of John Henry and Lucy May (Kneeland) Bradstreet.
Feb. 11. Roger Masury, son of Harlan S. and Maud (Fuller) Pierce.
Feb. 23. Roland Merritt, son of Henry H. and Catherine J. (Chisholm) Roberts.
May 19. Esther, dau. of Charles and Bertha Agnes (Lacy) Curtis.
July 18. Emma Josephine, dau. of Thomas F. and Fannie F. (O'Dea) Cass.
Aug. 15. ———, son of Benjamin W. and Lucy R. (Pingree) Fuller.
Aug. 24. Nellie Gray, dau. of Alexander and Mary Jane (Gray) Ogg.
Sept. 2. Robert Burnap, son of Gaius B. and Bertha A. (Whitney) Frost.
Sept. 18. Melvin Phillippe, son of Walter R. and Charlotte D. (Clancey) Thomas.
Sept. 30. Margaret Batchelder, dau. of Gilbert S. and Jeanie (McMeekin) Mason.
Nov. 20. Viola Christina, dau. of Merritt Lynly and Ida Brigeta Gustava (Nelson) Hobson.
Dec. 30. Sidney Maurice, son of Harry Walter and Bessie Rebecca (Phillips) Gilman.

MARRIAGES.

1901.

- Jan. 27. { John Fitz Gibbons (Topsfield), son of James and Mary (Welch) Gibbons.
 { Anna Roach (Topsfield), dau. of Thomas and Catherine (O'Brien) Roach.
June 3. { Harry Walter Gilman (Rochester, N. Y.), son of Harry Walter and Mary Burnice (Peabody) Gilman.
 { Bessie Rebecca Phillips (Topsfield), dau. of Erwin Timothy and Ruth Gould (Lake) Phillips.

MARRIAGES (Continued.)

1901			{ Oliver Thayer (Topsfield), son of Edward Smith and Catherine Jewett (Felt) Thayer.
June	11.	{	Susie May Alden (Topsfield), dau. of Charles and Susan Emery (Peterson) Alden.
June	15.	{	Arthur Franklin Upton (Topsfield), son of Stephen Franklin and Lucy Adaline (Stanton) Upton.
		{	Elizabeth Kimball Watson (Derry, N. H.), dau. of Frank and Alversia (Varnum) Watson.
June	25.	{	Herbert Porter Woodbury (Topsfield), son of Isaac Morgan and Sarah Kimball (Leach) Woodbury.
		{	Carrie Lillian Mellish (Salem), dau. of Rev. Isaac Murray and E. A. (Holman) Mellish.
July	8.	{	George Roderick Deering (Topsfield), son of William A. and Margaret C. (Manning) Deering.
		{	Mary Ann McQuarrie (Fall River, Mass.), dau. of Murdick and Christy (Fraser) McQuarrie.
July	25.	{	Andy Fondrain Jackman (Topsfield), son of Charles V. and Mary Ella (Underwood) Jackman.
		{	Lottie Drew Curtis (Boxford, Mass.), dau. of George W. and Mercy Coburn (Drew) Curtis.
Sept.	7.	{	Harrison Chester Ashley (Topsfield), son of Lewis Moore and Sarah Jane (Lamson) Ashley.
		{	Addie Potter (Topsfield), dau. of Nathaniel and Mary (Mack) Potter.
Oct.	23.	{	Elton Eugene Wildes (Topsfield), son of Eugene Lamont and Alatheia Orietta (Lamson) Wildes.
		{	Carrie Baker Kimball (Ipswich, Mass.), dau. of Nathaniel Scott and Elizabeth Brown (Mahon) Kimball.
Nov.	20.	{	Charles Lemine Blake, Jr. (Waverley, Mass.), son of Charles Lemine and Elizabeth Stevens (Pratt) Blake.
		{	Alice Gertrude Smerage (Topsfield), dau. of Fred and Ella Augusta (Chapman) Smerage.
Dec.	11.	{	Manuel Frederick Castle (Topsfield), son of Joseph and Frances (Enos) Castle.
		{	Florence May Brown (Topsfield), dau. of Clarence Leland and Julia (Watton) Brown.

DEATHS.

1901.			
Jan.	14.	Elizabeth Maria, widow of Benjamin Deland and dau. of Frederick and — (Bickford) Ross, aged 81 y. 3 m. 21 d.	
Mar.	8.	Obediah Hill, son of John and Elizabeth (Knapp) Hill, aged 68 y. 5 d.	
Mar.	13.	James Orrington Purinton Jenkins, son of Frank Damon and Mary Christena (Nelson) Jenkins, aged 7 m. 19 d.	

DEATHS (Continued.)

1901.

- Apr. 23. Abbie E., wife of Robert Foss and dau. of John and Hannah M. (Story) Whipple, aged 46 y. 10 d.
- May 22. Clarence LeRoy Hills, son of John K. and Sarah A. (Moss) Hills, aged 42 y. 6 m.
- June 21. Clarissa Ann, widow of Benjamin Glazier and dau. of Jacob and Sophia (Wildes) Towne, aged 85 y. 7 m. 8 d.
- July 10. Enos Fuller, son of Benjamin and Esther (Wilkins) Fuller, aged 56 y. 11 m. 21 d.
- Sept. 29. — Fuller, son of Benjamin W. and Lucy R. (Pingree) Fuller, aged 1 m. 14 d.
- Oct. 1. John H. Potter, son of John and Harriet (Nourse) Potter, aged 78 y. 7 m. 8 d.
- Oct. 10. William Henry Munday, son of William and Mary (Moore) Munday, aged 71 y. 4 m. 1 d.
- Oct. 18. Sarah, widow of John Smith and dau. of Timothy and Judith (Shaw) Phillips, aged 85 y. 3 m. 23 d.
- Oct. 30. Mary Ann, widow of John Capen Balch and dau. of Jacob and Rebecca (Phillips) Collins, aged 94 y. 2 m. 5 d.
- Nov. 13. Francis Peabody, son of Stephen and Olive (Bancroft) Peabody, aged 86 y. 1 m. 9 d.
- Dec. 21. John Andrew Peterson, son of Andrew and Priscilla (Patterson) Peterson, aged 67 y. 11 m. 13 d.

Deaths in other places, interment in Topsfield.

1901.

- Jan. 2. Israel Adams, died at New York, aged 65 y.
- Jan. 9. Louisa Horace, died at Sharon, Mass., aged 85 y. 7 m.
- Jan. 29. Ernest G. Fuller, died at Danvers, Mass., aged 3 m. 14 d.
- Feb. 9. Julia A. Place, died at Somerville, Mass., aged 69 y. 4 m. 16 d.
- July 9. Moses W. Dodd, died at Beverly, Mass., aged 41 y.
- Aug. 17. Joanna Pamela Cummings, died at Berwick, Me., aged 59 y. 10 m.
- Sept. 21. Emma F. Taylor, died at Lynn, Mass., aged 44 y. 7 d.
- Oct. 24. William T. Dinsmore, died at Lynn, Mass., aged 62 y. 3 m.
- Nov. 8. Susan E. Perkins, died at Gloucester, Mass., aged 71 y. 4 m. 5 d.
- Dec. 15. Norman McLoud, son of Rev. Anson and Jane C. McLoud, died at Boston, Mass., aged 45 y. 3 m. 26 d.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN TOPSFIELD IN 1901.

- March 21. The Town Farm sold to Dr. H. F. Sears, of Boston, for \$9000.00.
- March 25. A Village Improvement Society formed; Albert A. Conant, President.
- May 6. Melville W. Stone, of Reading, chosen Superintendent of Schools, for the school district of Topsfield, Boxford, Middleton and Reading.
- June 24. The street locations in Topsfield for the Essex County Street Railway were surveyed and staked out.
- June 21. Lighted chandelier in the Town Hall, fell to the floor soon after the close of the High School reception. Fire extinguished by chemicals; damage \$25.00.
- Aug. 16. Proceedings at the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of the town, published and placed on sale.
- Sept. 19. McKinley Memorial Services at the Town Hall. Business suspended during the day.
- Sept. 28. Dr. Byron Sanborn, of Boston, began to practice medicine in town.
- Oct. 12. "The Valley Road" completed and opened to public travel.
- Oct. 17. A 6-inch artesian well at the Dr. H. F. Sears estate, abandoned at a depth of 714 feet, the flow of water being but six gallons per minute.
- Nov. 28. The residence of Thomas W. Peirce (the Ray farm) damaged by fire shortly after midnight; loss \$500.

BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE YEAR 1901.

- Dr. H. F. Sears, Perkins street, residence, farm-house, stable, barn, and out-buildings.
- Josiah P. Perkins, Central street, dwelling-house and stable.
- Daniel O. Earle, Asbury Grove street, farm-house.
- Frank L. Gould, Haverhill street, dwelling-house.
- Thomas W. Peirce, off Boston street, the "Ray" farm-house extensively remodeled; the old barn remodeled and a large stable added.
- Gilbert B. Balch, Main street, residence remodeled.
- Otto E. Lake, Main street, old B. & M. Railroad station remodeled into a dwelling-house.
- Percy Chase, Prospect street, stable.

EDITORIAL NOTE. The article on "Buildings in Topsfield", alluded to on page 89, will be printed in the next volume of the Historical Collections.

